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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

A Congressman from Alabama peels a potato while picketing American Peace Mobilization pickets parading for weeks unmolested before the White House. The southern statesman would look better peeling potatoes, while voting passage of a bill to abolish Communistic moneyshines.

"Everybody raves about Schnell's hamburgers. Why not be one of them?" (Roseland, Ill. Reporter). It would be a good trick.

The army moved into the Los Angeles plane plant yesterday, arrested 16 strikers, and gave notice of tactics would result in more of the same. Here was force, and something the Red influences stirring the agitation could understand at a glance. They were not fooling with a Mayor running for election in the fall. The Gen. is no politician. There will be no congratulations from Harry Bridges of Australia, or official smirks of approval from Madam Perkins. The same authority that enabled the military power to control the factory, is in effect at the union hall. The bull-headedly defiant accidentally caught the seat of their pants on the end of a bayonet, and were calmed.

NO 5-DAY WEEK

(Tulsa, Okla., News)

"A scientist says through the study of uranium atoms it is evident that the world is 2,200 million years old. It must be older than that. We don't believe it could have got in such a mess in only 2,200 million years."

The following things happened to the home of newlyweds in Portland: Lawn sprinkled with acid, furniture demolished, radio smashed, upholstery slashed, and bedding smeared with mustard. Nothing was stolen, the police report. Clues indicate the marauders started out as a shivaree, and finished as a young cyclone.

The Older Girls now fear summer, and the warm sun that produces flies and freckles. They swat the former, and wash their faces in buttermilk to thwart the latter.

"Gasless Sundays," as threatened to conserve gasoline for defense needs, would have some benefits. The speed idiot traveling 80 m.p.h. after a case of mixer, would not make half that time, at a fast walk or a brisk lope, under his own steam.

WHO BLAMES MOSES? (Life Mag.)

"She herded the women and children of the camp out onto an ice field at the height of one of the worst blizzards of the year. Clutching and clawing their clothes off, she shouted that their faith would be rewarded when Christ appeared before them out of the storm. Then she tore the caribou hide pants off her husband, Moses, but he was so chilled and embarrassed that he went back to his igloo."

Four women engineers pulled hair in West Virginia, over the right to pull the locomotive throttle. It looks like the fireman was a he-beauty of the movies.

Rudolph Hess, No. 2 Nazi (remember him?), was mentioned in the British House of Parliament today. He has been gradually disappearing from the news, like a vice president of U.S.A.

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

Editorial Correspondence

Portland, June 9.—"Old Sol" has a tough time in this man's town, but after a hard fight he got his sunny phiz through the clouds for a few minutes today, and a clear sunset indicates he will have even a better time tomorrow.

A prominent Portland business man, a life-long Republican, just back by plane from Washington, says he wishes General Charles H. Martin were President of the United States instead of Franklin D. Roosevelt, for he regards the former governor of Oregon as the most capable "crisis" executive the country possesses, citing his victory over the Oregon labor goons as evidence. This statement was made before the news was broadcasted that F.D.R. had ordered U. S. troops to dispel the strikers at the North American aviation plant, and keep the factory operating.

Everyone is praising the President for this firm action in which this department joins,—but what a pity it should be necessary during such a time of crisis as this. At this rate the radical section of organized labor will be one of the certain casualties of World War No. 2.

For there is no doubt the radicals,—the labor Reds,—are responsible for these wage-boost walk-outs, in the vital war industries. Many months ago we made this charge, but it was disputed in certain quarters as "looking under the bed." Even some labor leaders here in Portland admit it today, and are for a communist round-up, including the deportation of Harry Bridges!

A large wheat farmer, in from the Pendleton country, has the smile that won't brush off—he has 5,000 bushels of last year's wheat on hand and a bumper crop this year in the making. He expects one dollar wheat before many moons, and admitted he is worrying about his income tax for the first time since World War No. 1.

An army officer from Vancouver threw an "I told you so" defy our way at luncheon, which surprised us greatly until we were reminded we had had luncheon with him over a year ago at the same place, and had been skeptical of his pessimism regarding the outlook in Europe for Great Britain. We then recalled he had named the defeat of France some weeks before it happened. He now thinks Britain is going to get outflanked in Syria, by the Nazis striking through Turkey and Russia, and the Mediterranean completely lost to the allies by September. A cheerful soul But he had everyone at the table bluffed as far as taking his ten dollar bet was concerned.

At that we wager this time Col. Calamity Jane is mistaken.

The Portland Journal lost heavily in subscribers and prestige when it deserted Roosevelt at the last election and supported Willkie, the losing candidate. But we are now informed most of the subscribers who got mad and quit have returned to the fold, and the Journal is supporting F.D.R. strongly again. People soon forget their grievances, particularly their political ones.

We wonder who the genius is, handling beer advertising these days. The latest caption reads "A glass of beer is like a symphony" while another mid-western product has the benefit of 37 blendings, and a third is "extra dry."

Dry beer, blended 37 times, may taste like a symphony, but wet beer, that is straight suds, taken in sufficient volume, tastes like a soft-boiled bull fiddle the next morning.

This same army officer declares "off-the-record" the recent army maneuvers in California were so terrible, that none of the troops involved will be allowed to get within range of any enemy guns for another six months at least. He adds,—in a whisper,—that had the guns of all descriptions been fitted with real shells and cartridges, the carnage would have been terrific,—not in the ranks of the theoretical enemy, but among the attacking troops. That is still a matter which no one seems to have accurate information about,—is this country prepared to fight, or isn't it?

There are more and more indications, that the proverbial Roosevelt luck which has held so wonderfully for two terms, isn't going to hold for the third.

—R. W. R.

WORK, NOT GLAMOUR
WHAT IS NEEDED IS
NURSES' CRITICISM

Portland, June 10.—(P)—The nation's Red Cross nurses have been slighted, Oregon nurses decided here yesterday.

First business of their annual state meeting was to criticize Representative John M. Vorys of Ohio, who advocated last week that younger and prettier nurses be assigned to army and navy duty.

"As if they aren't already good looking," humphed Mrs. Linnie Laird, chairman. "They're young, too," she added, "none over 40 and most of them between 25 and 28."

Anyway it's the work nurses do and not glamour that counts, they said, and started to draw up a resolution about it for President Roosevelt.

Nurses were told by Gladys Badger, director of nursing service for the Pacific branch of the Red Cross, that Oregon must enroll at least 140 nurses to meet army needs.

PORTLAND BREAD
SUPPLY NORMAL

Portland, Ore., June 10.—(P)—Portland received a normal bread supply today as bakery workers and drivers ended a nine-day strike.

Drivers accepted a compromise settlement yesterday, boosting wages from \$37.50 to \$42.50, and enabling 400 bakery workers, who had accepted an earlier proposal, to return to their jobs.

The bakers had received a 10 per cent wage increase and submitted to arbitration a demand for 20 cents an hour additional for night work, but refused to work until the drivers' dispute was settled.

Drivers had asked \$47 weekly, and further negotiations were scheduled.

FACTORY-BUILT HOMES
HAVE IMPORTANT PART
IN DEFENSE PROGRAM

New York (P)—A success chapter in the quest of defense workers for homes is that being written by prefabricated houses—factory-built dwellings turned out on a mass production basis.

Put up in hours, rather than days, they are playing an important role in answering demand for quickly-built homes in the industrial areas which form the backbone of defense production. Most can be demounted as easily as assembled, shipped away when needed in another area.

A typical prefabricated house has a demountable steel frame anchored to a steel base, welded steel wall framework and steel sheets for its roof. Sheathed with wallboard and finished off with asbestos shingles, it can be erected by a 10-man crew in a single eight-hour day.

THE president's reasoning is undoubtedly correct. The only trouble with it is its lack of relation to the war situation. Those of his advisers who have enough essential guts to argue with the president have answered his argument very simply.

They have agreed that the risks of immediate action are very great. Although it seems certain that Germany can be beaten by Britain and the United States fighting in full partnership, dependable predictions of the future are impossible. Naturally, entering a major war is risky in itself. Furthermore, although it also seems probable that determined action by the president would pull the country together, no one can be positive that serious national division would not ensue.

On the other hand, these men pointed out that the risks of further delay are infinitely greater than the risks of action. The decisive hour is at hand. If the hour is allowed to pass, Germany will win the war, and mastery of the world, in a Nazi-dominated world, the United States will be subjected to political and economic pressures that cannot be withstood. The destruction of the liberties and freedoms for which this nation stands, the subversion of our system of government, and perhaps even the loss of our independence, will be the inevitable results.

THE president agrees that these are the alternatives, but still clings to the hope that his problem will be solved for him, by the incident he so much desires. It would be more difficult to see why he does so, if there were more men having regular access to him with the essential guts to bring the alternatives rudely and regularly to his attention.

Unfortunately, while still performing many of the needless routine tasks that exhaust him, the president no longer discusses general policy with many members of his administration. He sees extraordinarily few people except on specific business, and when he does see such officials as Secretary of State Cordell Hull or Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, he sticks to the business in hand. And while Harry L. Hopkins and the president's one or two other familiars have a proper sense of the terrible urgency of these days, they are not the sort to press their chief unduly.

Consequently while convinced of the need for action, the president has not acted. Before he acts, according to one of those who have known him best and longest, he has first to make up his mind on the facts, and then "to wake up one morning with the feeling inside himself that he wants to do the job." He passed the first stage long ago. In the last week, Ambassador John G. Winant has returned from London to spur the president on, and several other persons with great influence over him have had the opportunity to echo Winant's arguments. Perhaps certain minor but spectacular measures will have been taken even before these words are printed. And if Winant is really successful, before long the morning will at last come when the president wakes up with the needed "feeling inside himself" to make a complete commitment.

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, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

QUEER MEDICAL NOTIONS ABOUT EXERCISE

Referring to walking and calisthenic or setting-up exercises for the control of body bulk and weight, a book quoted with approval by the Journal of the American Medical Association says:

"It is unwise, however, for the person over 40 to carry these exercises to the point of exhaustion or shortness of breath. Excessive fat throws a heavy load on the heart and circulatory system." (Circulatory system being an impressive way of saying the blood vessels) and it may be dangerous to increase this still more by strenuous exercise."

This notion that any exercise more strenuous than walking around in a swivel chair or climbing a flight of stairs is dangerous for one past voting age or for one whose heart is at all flabby, pervades medical literature to an amazing degree—and indeed I think most doctors are a bit amazed by it, so that they do not consider the matter with common sense.

After all, who ever heard of any one suffering any ill effect from such exercise or from climbing a dozen flights of stairs once or twice a day instead of riding up and down or from walking or plant every day or from mowing the lawn or from playing a set of tennis or from any comparable activity the individual can enjoy.

I haven't, at least I have never seen such a case in hospital or private practice.

Do not misunderstand me—I am aware that persons with aneurism, or dilated heart from any cause, or grave valvular disease, or apoplexy, or angina do succumb to some such effort, but that does not in the least affect the question of ordinary work, play or exercise for ordinary people.

Suppose your heart is not too good. If reasonable exercise, such as any of the activities mentioned gives you any pleasure, I say the exercise is good medicine for your heart. If you are a dweyer you won't know where to draw the line between healthful exercise and too strenuous exercise, but if you have the brains God gives a goose you should know, without any medical advice, when the exercise becomes too strenuous—or you won't enjoy it. If you do not

weight 220 pounds, five feet ten inches tall, will you kindly suggest a diet? (Mrs. H. R.)

Answer—Dieting is not as simple as you seem to think. Successful dieting requires a good deal more than a list of foods. Send 25c coin and 10-stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "Rules for Reducing."

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Kelly's
Comment

From Washington
Oregon Eggs, Milk
To Feed British

Glider Practice
Urged at U. of O.

Guardmen May
Serve Two Years

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 10.—Over his own signature Franklin Delano Roosevelt is on record as opposing "home rule" in handling the power of Grand Coulee and Bonneville. Nor does the president favor the proposal of the utility districts of Washington state to turn the operation and distribution of the power over to directors and a board of advisers from the PUDs. In his letter to Senator Charles L. McNary and Senator Homer T. Bone, containing suggestions, the president clings closely to the present Bonneville setup, with the addition that he wants a law which will permit the administrator to acquire private utilities quickly and economically.

The presidential hope that two senators will be able to introduce and secure enactment of this legislation during the next few months is not shared by many congressmen familiar with the situation. A bill such as the chief executive suggests may be enacted but it will not slide through without finding some sand on the tracks. In outlining what he wants the measure to contain President Roosevelt has affronted the PUD group in Washington state, and the "free power for nothing" group in Oregon that feel the government should permit them to operate the plant for "the people." There is not the slightest solace for advocates of "home rule," not even the hint of an advisory council, which would be like parody on fish-monger's ornamental tank.

The president wants—and writes that he wants—complete control of the power of the Columbia valley in the hands of Secretary of the Interior Ickes the administrator, of course, being the Charlie McCarthy as at present.

WHEN the Columbia power bill is prepared and introduced (seven drafts have already been written and rejected as not containing everything the administration desires) there will be hearings and amendments offered. The PUDs of Washington will have something to say and others who believe that the local people—Oregon and Washington—have a right to representation; a director from each state. And there are the handful who claim that they represent "the people" and wish to make the government power program a political football; these are the politicians.

In the matter of disposing of power, Oregon's McNary has been open-minded: an administrator, a directorate of three (two from the states involved and the third at large), or some other method he regarded as subordinate to a few fundamentals, but the president has assumed the responsibility. Mr. Roosevelt asks for the present Bonneville organization of one man. At present a one-man administrator is not satisfactory to a few power fanatics in congress who have grown to dislike Secretary Ickes; these prefer a three-man board, such as TVA.

IT isn't generally known, but the recent attempt to create a PUD in Baker county was deliberately planned by the Bonneville lobbyists (after their defeat in Clatsop county) for the purpose of showing congress that Oregon demands government ownership. Half a dozen lobbyists on the Bonneville payroll established themselves in Baker, after the retreat from Clatsop, with electrical transcription by Congressman Walter Pierce used on the radio and a snowstorm of letters from Mr. Pierce urging the PUD, which Mr. Pierce had placed in the Congressional Record and were therefore franked free. Administrator himself was booked to go to Baker but compromised by sending a telegram.

Dr. Raver always explains that he doesn't send Bonneville agents to promote a PUD, and that they go only in response to invitation. An invitation is readily arranged in any event, and then Dr. Carl Thompson, drawing compensation at \$5,000 a year, and Mort Tompkins, a grange lobbyist and also on Bonneville payroll, jump on their horses and ride to the proposed PUD district. (Parenthetically, Tompkins is being groomed to succeed Ray Gill as master of the state grange.) A train of other Bonneville spell-binders accompany them. Despite the exhortation of Dr. Thompson by members of congress for his political activity and apparent violation of the Hatch act, he is still riding his horse. Baker gave public ownership its 38th defeat in Oregon, a fact which has been made known to the lawmakers in Washington, D. C. Bonneville has spent thousands

of dollars trying to put them over.

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