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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The fields of the valley were never greener, being more so than those on the other side of the hills, and in a far country.

Herman Klein, a high nabob of the Espee called Fri, and left his card. Come again, Herman!

The law clamped down on several premature 4th of July outbreaks last week. Rollicking youth has been warned, if caught throwing lighted firecrackers into passing autos, they will have to pay the fiddler—and how!

A bevy of army officers were here Wed. and called the proposed "cann-tawn-ment" a cantonment.

E. Ulrich, the Prospect mtn.-wm., towed Wed., he being on the defense committee.

F. Luy, the antelope cowhand, sheared his sheep last week, and is figuring on a pair of pants made out of his own wool.

June is 66 per cent gone, but so far there has been very little June.

Young Democrats and Older Heads Democrats, convened the first of the week and discussed who will use the presidential coat-tails as a springboard to leap to congress. Whoever he is will come out for lower taxes, more social gains, and the downfall of Hitler.

The Art Hess boy, Bill, is out to his Grandpaw's farm in the Beagle district, and wielding a mean pitchfork in the hay, and not mellow with the one at the dinner table. He plans to work hard, and grow big, and be a tackle on the Black Tornado squad some day.

Russia is swept by wild rumors, according to the news from Europe. Citizens who went thru the same scourge here three weeks ago, openly expressed sympathy for Russia for the first time since 1917.

Seed experts here ten days ago praised C. Hoover's lotus cornucopia, as a fine thing for stock, and almost too good for them to eat.

S. (Farm-Fresh) Morris, the T-Rock tiller, was driven to town by the rain Wed in his working clothes. It don't take much precipitation to make this agriculturist travel.

The cucumber crop is coming along fine, and all are as cool as their fore-fathers.

The Craters collide with Eugene here today.

Hope has about faded the Elks old tom-cat, absent from his accustomed hunts for eleven days, will ever return. He lived every one of his nine lives, most of them two times.

Today or yesterday, was or is, the longest day of the year, astronomers disagree which one. Nevertheless, the sun will start south, and when winter starts Len Carpenter of the orchard set will make his annual trip to see if Old Sol gets there. Some hot weather is predicted. So far the woodman has been vying with the ice-man.

Don Wilkinson is up to Portland with his Paw listening to him telling how the metropolitan team should play ball.

Closing time for Two Late to Cassidy Asa is 1:30 p. m.

Words Without Deeds

IN Gregory's sport column we find this department's reaction to the President's latest speech:

"If you're going to slide,—SLIDE. But make up your mind!"

In other words, if President Roosevelt intends to declare war on Germany, why doesn't he ask congress to declare it, and be done with it.

WHAT the President says about the German sinking of the "Robin Moor" is all true and a yard wide.

But it's old stuff. It was repeatedly stated in the last war, and has been reiterated in this. This lawless, inhuman, piracy on the high seas is all F. D. R. says it is.

BUT what REAL good is served by further tongue-lashing of Der Reichsfuehrer? It is rather like throwing rocks at a blood-thirsty grizzly that has you treed. It makes the bear MORE dangerous, and until someone hands you a gun, your position no less so. Apparently the President has no gun, or having one doesn't wish to use it.

TO this department at least, it seems that the situation as far as Germany and the United States are concerned has long since passed the tongue-lashing, wrist-slapping stage.

If the President is convinced the country isn't prepared to declare war on Germany, then certainly the less he indulges in warlike rhetoric the better.

On the other hand, if he believes the country IS prepared, but is himself only worried about public opinion, then let him have the courage of his convictions, and assume his responsibility of national leadership. He need not worry. The people of the country as a whole will follow him, wherever he declares the country should go.

But this business of TALKING war and DOING nothing about it, of verbally lambasting the axis every other day and thereby enraging it, but doing nothing to check it, strikes this department, as,—to express it mildly—worn out.

ANOTHER Roosevelt, many years ago expressed our idea when he declared:

"Speak softly but carry a big stick!"

Above all don't speak harshly if you have no stick,—or having one are not ready to use it.

THIS paper doesn't WANT war. WHO DOES? But it believes that with the passage of the lend-lease bill, the country virtually entered the war, and war declaration or no war declaration is definitely committed to the policy of Hitler's defeat.

If this is correct, then why continue this shadow boxing, and diplomatic face-making and name-calling further?

If the time has not yet come to back up our words with deeds, then isn't it the part of wisdom, dignity and prudence, to indulge in LESS provocative language, until we ARE?

The Lindbergh Assumption

COLONEL Lindbergh delivered another anti-war speech Friday night,—this one from the Hollywood bowl.

We haven't changed our view regarding the Colonel. We regard him as entirely sincere, and honestly devoted to what he regards the best welfare of his country.

But we also regard him as grievously mistaken and under conditions which exist (virtually a state of war), an unfortunately subversive influence.

However until there IS a state of war, he is technically, at least, entirely within his rights.

WE could even go further than that, and admit, that accepting one assumption, we would also accept the essential truth, of every statement the "lone eagle" made, night before last.

That assumption however is an important one, namely,—that it makes no vital difference to this country whether England or Germany wins in Europe.

If that is true then, as the Colonel says, why waste our blood and treasure, in becoming involved in another war in Europe, that is in no way our concern.

Why not stay out of it, concentrate upon our own defense, not cross the totalitarian bridge until we come to it,—or at least until there is an attempt, to put down such a bridge to U. S. A. shores, and then blast the totalitarian hordes off it?

WELL WHY NOT?

The only reason is, it does make a difference,—and a VITAL difference,—as to whether Nazi Germany or Britain DOES win in Europe.

It makes all the difference between a totalitarian world, and a democratic world; between a peaceful world and a war-like one; between a world in which life would continue to be worth living, and where it WOULDN'T.

This may not seem true to the Colonel. But to those who can't agree with him on the chief assumption, it does seem true and enough to fight for, with every resource at our command.

'DUCHESS' GIVEN 30-DAY REPRIEVE

San Quentin, Calif., June 21.—(P)—Mrs. Evelita Juanita Spinel, 52,—"The Duchess" to the underworld gang she dominated,—has escaped for at least 30

days being the first woman executed by California.

Sentenced to die at 10 a. m. today in San Quentin's gas chamber, she was granted a reprieve by Gov. Culbert L. Olson last night.

Superior Judge Raymond T. Coughlin of Sacramento and trial foreman, Lloyd H. Locke, told the governor they had important information bearing on the case.

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.

THIS WE NEED FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

A stretch in federal prison and maybe a trifling fine is indeed an absurd penalty for the despicable crime of income tax evasion. People who squeal about high taxes and avail themselves of any opportunity to evade paying their just rates are nearly always thrice-blessed, so far as wealth is concerned.



thanks to the privilege of living in this country, and that is what makes their attitude so contemptible.

Current news item refers to the appeal made by a tobacco manufacturer, in a hearing by a congressional committee, that he would not kick if they took his shirt off his back—as long as they treated the other fellows the same way, and he suggested substantial levies against sugar and coffee as a step in that direction.

Apparently no one ventured to object that sugar and coffee do not belong in the category of luxuries in this country. Sugar and coffee are generally included with the necessities of life in America. It would be highly incongruous and unethical to tax sugar and coffee more than the barest minimum if at all. Both sugar and coffee are important items in maintaining the national physical and mental health and morale. Tobacco and alcohol are not only unnecessary but in too many instances harmful to morale.

Let us impose a tax of at least 100 per cent on tobacco and a tax of at least 1000 per cent on alcoholic beverages and liquors. Such taxes would be for the good of the country, in time of war or in time of peace.

One might think these taxes are paid by the tobacco manufacturers. Of course the consumer pays all taxes, and the consumer's interest is therefore paramount, even though legislative bodies seem unmindful of it.

Tobacco and alcohol are luxuries and even without considering their demoralizing potentialities they should be heavily taxed out of all proportion with taxes on necessities of life. I am thinking primarily of health and



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roads. Army says WPA work is slow and expensive. Contractors, who have their arrangements with unions, say if a WPA worker is clearing a ditch or grubbing brush on the airport the union men will walk off the job. This would be well enough, but the contractor is under bond to complete the work at a specified time and unless it is finished on the dot he will lose his shirt.

For 1942 (beginning July 1) WPA has been voted \$885,903 by the house. It will provide work for 1,000,000 monthly for the year and will materially reduce the number of workers on WPA projects in Oregon, despite presidential sanction of important WPA projects throughout the state (Portland streets, \$250,995; LaGrande streets, \$33,879, etc.)

CONFIDENTIAL report on the proposed reclamation project in the Grande Ronde valley has been completed after some three years. The report, almost two inches thick, makes no recommendation nor is there any suggestion of the feasibility of the proposed enterprise. The document is confined to general discussion of the subject.

PROPOSAL that the government purchase the old postoffice building in Eugene for \$75,000 and use it to accommodate the increasing number of government agencies has met with an emphatic "no" from Alan Johnstone, general counsel of the FWA. Mr. Johnstone explains that the economic policy of the federal government is against increasing facilities in the field, and that if more room is needed at Eugene, which he appears to doubt, the government can build another story on

Murder Suicide
Las Vegas, Nev., June 21.—(P)—Wayne Luther Tyler, 26, of Pocatello, Ida., was shot and killed today at the Las Vegas railroad station by Charles G. Decker, 34, who then ended his own life. Police investigator Jim Clark announced. Both men were railroad brakemen. Motive for the shootings was undetermined. Clark said.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

IN a special message to congress today (Friday) on the Robin Moor, President Roosevelt describes the sinking as "ruthless" and the "act of an international outlaw."

He declares the United States does not propose to yield the use of the high seas to Germany.

LET's keep this Robin Moor incident straight in our minds.

Hitler sank it for a purpose. Since he has sunk no others since, it is probable that his purpose was to find out how the American people would react to such a deed.

The reaction was utterly different from that which followed the sinking of the Lusitania in the other war. The American people were then flamingly indignant, and demanded immediate war.

This time they had little to say.

THE comparative silence with which the sinking of the Robin Moor has been received in this country is in all probability a GRIM silence.

But Hitler might not understand it as such. He might jump to the conclusion that the American people are determined not to go to war, no matter what happens. That would weaken the influence of the United States in the present critical situation.

It must be made plain to Hitler that the indignation of this country is definitely to be reckoned with.

So the President tells CONGRESS (not Germany) that the Robin Moor sinking was "ruthless" and the "act of an international outlaw" and adds that the United States does not yield the use of the high seas to Germany.

That is intended as a warning to Hitler not to do it again. Having warned him, we will wait to see what he does now,—thus passing the buck back to him.

LONDON "informed quarters" describe the RAF's nine-day series of bombing raids at channel invasion ports and German industrial areas as an all-out attempt to smash German preparations for invasion of England, which is "expected as soon as Germany settles matters with Russia."

British officialdom, you see, is encouraging no wishful thinking.

Wishful thinking undermines morale, and Britain needs to be unfailingly tough in these critical days.

BRITAIN'S No. 1 problem is to protect the British Isles, come what may. If they are lost, the war will be irretrievably lost.

BRITAIN'S probable strategy is to get Germany spread out as thin as possible over as much of the world as possible. Getting spread too far and too thin ultimately caused Napoleon to crack. It may cause Hitler to crack.

VESTIA, of Moscow, soviet government newspaper, says today:

"Neither through the forests nor the steppes, the mountains or the seas will the enemy ever step across the forbidden border."

Words—and, as Octavius Roy Cohen says, "they don't mean nuffin."

What will count will be Russia's deeds.

LAST RITES FOR WALTER PEARSON

Portland, June 21.—(P)—State officials, headed by Governor Sprague, attended funeral services here yesterday for Walter E. Pearson, state senator from Multnomah county, who died Wednesday at Marshfield.

Many members of the staff of the state treasurer, an office he once held, also attended, as did the full membership of the executive committee of the democratic county central committee.

Active pallbearers were Paul C. Bates, Karl V. Lively, C. C. Chapman, E. P. Burke, Ashley Greene and John Adams. Services were held at the Finley chapel with burial in Lincoln Memorial park.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their many expressions of kindness during our recent bereavement and for the lovely floral offerings. Husband W. J. Pearson, Raymond H. Gump and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zash and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Reberburg and family.

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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
June 22, 1931
(It was Tuesday)

Forecast: Cloudy and unsettled, probable showers, high 73, low 52.

Oklahoma flyers take off on flight across Atlantic to Berlin, on first leg of globe girdling trip.

France to offer her own plan for payment of war debt.

Roseburg has first call as site for Veterans' home.

Warm sun causes Bartlett to ripen fast and early season is expected.

Delegation petition city council for opening of Court street.

Mussolini firm in answer to papal protest to disbandment of anti-fascist clubs.

Demand for \$3 auto license fee in state grows.

Robert Sleeter, Jack Boyl and Charles Thomas, local boys employed at Crater Lake cut feet with axes.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
June 22, 1921
(It was Wednesday)

School board buys baseball park as site for much needed new high school building.

King George of England opens Irish parliament with prayer that strife will end.

G. Carpentier of France predicts he will knock out Jack Dempsey in sixth round of heavyweight title July 2.

Sen. Borah of Idaho attacks soldier bonus bill in senate speech.

Grasshoppers reported plentiful in many sections of the county. No sign of let-up in present heat wave.

Forecast: Cloudy. High 86, low 52.

CARD OF THANKS

We—Mrs. Erma Valentine, Jewell Brown, Mrs. Lemon, Eddie Valentine, Ina Milne—wish to express our utmost thanks and deepest gratitude for the sympathy and consideration given by the multitude of friends in view of our bereavement.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

CHILD'S READING LIST PREPARED AS OPENING PHASE OF RECREATION

Plans have been completed for the first phase of the city-wide recreational program for children during the summer months with the preparation at the public library of reading lists for fourth to ninth graders, by the children's librarian, Mrs. Ruth M. Drysdale.

The library has also offered to cooperate during August by conducting a story hour each Tuesday morning.

A group of Medford women of the city P. T. A. council, N. Y. A. representatives and child welfare organizations is working together to form a city-wide recreational program for the children and it is hoped to have a varied list of activities so that each child will have opportunity to participate in some type of supervised recreation free of charge.

The lists of suggested reading for children are now available at the city library.

CIO Strike Ends

McMinnville, June 21.—(P)—A three month strike of CIO mill workers at the Shaw Lumber company has been settled and work will resume Monday.

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