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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A letter-to-the-editor writer in California surmises the "international gangsters, Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin would be hard men to get along with at the peace table." This nation might round-up the remnants of Al Capone's old Chicago gangsters to attend the peace conference as associate delegates, to restrain Der Fuehrer when he feels like gnawing a table leg, and to keep Stalin when he feels like pounding the table. Both are emotional, and addicted to tantrums. As a reformed and retired train robber, Mr. Stalin would probably be have, under the threat of having the handle-bars of his mustache shot off.

UNDERSTAND!

(St. Helens (Ore.) Mist)

"I am on Leonard Brown's dump, near the paper mill. I have a written agreement with brown to get everything that comes in the loads for my work. He gives me a square deal, not dirt like Stewart. I have four jars, 1c each; jelly glasses 1/2c; other things too numerous to mention. No business on Sunday, will not talk business on that day. J. A. Latimer."

Tomorrow is the "Glorious Fourth," and amid the observance of the day, patriotism and car radiators will boil, as citizens rush hither and yon, across the earth. They have been urged by the printed and the spoken word to drive, so as to be here on the seventh, or able to walk with a cane by the 29th. (It is estimated 500 will be killed, 1500 injured, during the three-day holiday. Some prognosticators figure the toll will be higher.) Heretofore, such advice has been ignored, and will be tomorrow. The editors had good intentions, and a desire to fill up some space on the editorial page.

"O. F. Tat" Turner has quit fishing and gone to work in the hay field for Bob Carter. We are wondering which he likes to do the best.—(Long Creek (Ore.) News)—A verdant field for surmising.

Russia and the Russian army are not making much of a showing against the Nazi horde of invaders. They are showing signs of getting ready to employ their First War trick of running around the world, and crashing into the rear of the advancing foe. They have demonstrated the defenders must think as fast, preferably faster than the invader. They are a bit slow on the mental trigger. They do best raising whiskers, at home and hell in America.

TSKI TSKI TSKI ITEM

(Heppner (Ore.) News)

"Her attending physician feels there are no bones broken, although she is suffering a great deal and moves her right leg with difficulty, according to Mrs. Taylor."

The Bates Boys' clock, that provides U. S. Navy time, which for two weeks was three minutes behind J. Wesley Bates' stem-winding turnip, is now in accord with that pioneer timepiece. Mr. Bates belongs to the same general school as H. Flewler, the demon baker, who feels anything can be fixed by use of a screw-driver. We want to drive a nail in everything that's wrong.

It clouded up sudden-like yes, as if a low area had drifted in from Alaska, and V. Beall of C. Pt. had cut some more hay.

Ten state fish hatcheries in Texas hope to release 10,000,000 fingerlings in Texas streams this year.

Put Safety 1st on the 4th

TOMORROW we celebrate the Fourth of July. With pocketbooks a bit fatter, due to more jobs and higher salaries, thirty million cars will be on America's highways tomorrow and speedometers will spin out four billion miles over the week-end, according to reliable estimates.

That literally means the greatest traffic jam in history. And, unfortunately, there is a tragic note in this prospect.

For it is estimated by the National Safety Council that 475, who set out to celebrate the Fourth this year, won't come back. Ironically, these 475 persons who will die will be celebrating a day dedicated to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!

HERE in the Rogue River Valley, Mom, Pop and the youngsters will climb into the family flivver and do their full share of holiday gadding—to the beaches, to mountain retreats or to Ashland's rodeo and celebration.

To these neighbors of ours, this paper urges the utmost caution on the highway. Please drive slowly and carefully; treat the other fellow with courtesy; watch out for the reckless driver who always seems to be on hand when traffic is most crowded.

To pass out a little more advice, don't overdo in exercise, eating or exposure to the sun. Don't go swimming too soon after eating or when you are over-heated. Know the depth of the water and the tides of the beaches.

FINALLY, when we celebrate America's independence tomorrow, let us declare our independence from the kind of celebrating that results in sorrow and suffering. Let's observe the Oregon traffic safety division's apt slogan:

"Put safety FIRST on the Fourth.—hg.

The Mystery of Stalin

THAT desperate appeal by Stalin to the Russian people only adds another surprising sensation to this sensationally surprising war.

Who would have imagined only 2 weeks ago that the strongest and most ruthless despot of the most powerful despotism in the world, would be at bay, demanding a "scorched earth guerilla" warfare, to save his vast empire from the cruel and rapacious clutches of his former partner-in-crime, and fellow crook,—Adolf Hitler!

Any competent movie director presented with such a script would have issued orders to hold everything and have the author's head examined.

FOR it just doesn't make sense,—or wouldn't have only 12 days ago.

But now there it is, almost a finished drama, and the one European country that many believed would eventually profit most from this World War No. 2 is apparently on the verge of complete disaster.

FOR certainly if the situation were not desperate, Stalin would hardly make such a confession of weakness, as his broadcast comprised. Totalitarian governments don't indulge in such strategems, on the slim chance of deceiving the enemy, when there is inescapable loss of prestige and morale at home.

And it should not be forgotten that a despot in Stalin's position must not only think of his empire, but also of his own head.

Yes, a despotism built upon fear, inspired by power, takes a terrific risk when it confesses a fear its own power has been challenged by a greater one.

For there are always enemies lurking about, ready for the first sign that all is not well near the throne.

SO such an appeal from the All-Highest in the Kremlin at such a time can only mean "the bear that walks like a man" is really near the stage of "extremis," if he has not already arrived.

We don't mean it's all over but the shouting necessarily. Russia is not yet crushed and may not be. But we do mean the "Dunkirk stage" has been reached, and only by following Britain's heroic example, and enjoying the accompanying "miracle," can western Russia be saved.

Perhaps the Russian bear will successfully emulate the British lion. Here's hoping. But after such a declaration from the dictator of all the Russias, there can be no doubt that the allied situation on Germany's eastern front is today at least as desperate as was England's on the western front a year ago,—another period of nothing but "blood, sweat and tears," without another Churchill at the helm.

Finally, the deepest mystery of all is how Stalin ever allowed such a tragic situation to come to pass. He had no appeasement group to contend with, no internal dissensions such as France endured. An unscrupulous outlaw himself he knew the gangster psychology that prevailed in Berlin, down to the ground.

Why then didn't he strike at his enemy, — an enemy that had written a book confessing his hostile intentions,—when he had the aid of Britain and France,—yes, and Turkey,—instead of waiting until he was at bay and all ALONE!

Aye, verily, how Despot Hitler hoodwinked Despot Stalin in World War No. 2 will provide an enthralling chapter in the history of that period, when the truth is finally known.

Horses Note Fire

Cave Junction, Ore., July 3.—(AP)—Fritz Grunow's team became frightened by smoke yesterday. He investigated and found his own house was on fire. It was destroyed but the other farm buildings were saved. The house was built in 1876.

Net Tender Launched

Portland, Ore., July 3.—(AP)—The third of four anti-submarine net tenders being built here for the navy was in the water today. The Commercial Iron Works launched the U.S.S. Chincha yesterday.

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 Cambo, Beverly Hills, Calif.

THE TOOTHLESS STATE

A reader says all her teeth were extracted a few weeks ago, as they were loose. Her gums have shrunk considerably, and her friends tell her she should have a temporary plate made and wear it now or else it will become more and more difficult for her to wear plates at all. But her dentist says she must wait two or three months.



as there are some small tooth fragments or splinters working thru the gums and she will not be able to endure the pressure of a plate until these fragments have worked out. (G. R.)

Competent dentists install plates, not temporary plates but the plates the patient will wear permanently, immediately after extraction of the teeth. If any fragments or splinters remain in the jaw after extraction, these should be removed at once, and not left to "work out."

It is a serious matter to go toothless for weeks or months, not because the gums shrink, but because the general nutrition and health of the patient inevitably suffers from the interference with digestion which always occurs when the food is not well masticated.

The public scarcely realizes and too many physicians and dentists seem to ignore the importance of salivary digestion. The chewing of food, particularly the sources of carbohydrate material from which we get most of the energy required to maintain the vital functions and do the muscular work of the body is an essential part of the digestive process—and no artificial preparation of the food can quite serve the purpose of this mastication. Besides mixing the food thoroughly with the saliva, and thus subjecting every particle to the action of the digestive enzyme or ferment called ptyalin—the ptyalin converts insoluble and indigestible starch into soluble, digestible sugar—the proper chewing of such foods (vegetables, fruits, cereals and the many things made from them) is necessary for the normal action of the taste reflex.

That is to say, the secretion of gastric juice and digestion in the stomach is controlled to a considerable degree by reflex impulses from the taste buds in

the mouth via the sympathetic nerves to the stomach. Thus proper chewing of food prepares the stomach to secrete gastric juice adapted to digest the particular sort of food. Taste of food, when not too much disguised with condiments, is concerned with good digestion as well as with enjoyment—or as Shakespeare expressed it: Now, good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both.

Formerly doctors assumed that because the reaction of the stomach contents is acid, the ptyalin of the saliva could not continue to digest starch after the food is swallowed. This assumption was an error; actual tests show that salivary digestion of a meal continues from 30 to 40 minutes after the food has entered the stomach.

So you see toothlessness and good health are incompatible in proportion with the number of teeth missing.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Sulfanilamide
The doctor forbade a pilot to fly until a week after he had taken any sulfanilamide. Is sulfanilamide dangerous to the heart? (T. M. C.)

Answer—It may damage the heart, but probably the physician forbade the patient to fly because any of the various drugs of the sulfanilamide class impair judgment. Persons taking such medicines should not attempt to drive a car either. Reliable physicians usually caution patients taking such medicines to stay at home and at rest.

Graying Hair
Some time ago you alluded to the vitamin B complex and iodine as preventing or retarding graying of the hair. Since then I have noticed for the first time that my hair is beginning to show some gray. . . (Miss L. S.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for monograph "Care of the Hair."

Head Noises
Kindly send me your pamphlet on Head Noises and Deafness and on Stomach Gas. (H. F. R.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for pamphlet on Head Noises and Deafness. Enclose 10 cents coin for booklet, "So You Have Indigestion!"

Acid or Alkaline
Do you believe in the 80% alkaline and 20% acid balance of foods for the correct diet? (E. W. T.)

Answer—I never give it a thought. Don't be a fuss-budget about your food. Study "Feeders Digest"—for copy send 25 cents and stamped envelope bearing your address. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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man war" but keeps the policy a secret.

Immediately after the announcement the German and Italian ambassadors call on Premier Matsukoka and as soon as they are shown out the Russian ambassador goes in.

What they learned (if anything) is known only to them and Matsukoka.

DOMEI (Japanese news agency) says "quarters close to the government" indicate that Japan's course will be disclosed by actions rather than words.

AFTER the victor becomes more clearly apparent.

WAVELL, who licked the Italians in Libya and then took something of a drubbing from the Germans, losing most of his gains, is sent to India—swapping jobs with the British commander in India, who is sent to Cairo.

It may be either a kick in the pants for Wavell or preparation for a possible German invasion of India if and when Russia is taken care of.

INDIA has tempted a lot of conquerors. Alexander went on from Egypt and Persia to invade it. Napoleon WANTED TO, but never could quite manage it. Genghis Khan died before he got around to India, but one of his remote descendants conquered the bulk of the Indian peninsula and founded a dynasty that ruled for six generations (the Moguls).

What Hitler will do if he conquers Russia nobody knows—not even Hitler.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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suggests Mr. Roosevelt will be moving within 90 days in the international situation in such a way that George, a non-interventionist, might not care to go along.

THE British are supposed to be working on spectacular aid to Russia, but no one here can guess what. Pursuit ships cannot be flown in from England to the Russian front even if extra gas tanks are installed.

The railroads from which Germany is operating are wide open to bombing, but the range of British bombers barely enables them to get to Berlin. They have insufficient equipment to make an invasion anywhere on the continent, but they may try some sensational large raids on the lowlands and France (Denmark is too far). Aside from this the only course open apparently is to continue trying to make hash of the invasion ports, oil stores and industrial centers.

LOUD speakers were blaring the recorded noises of battle (artillery, machine gun fire, screaming planes) around a division commander's tent during one of the recent summer maneuvers. A well-pressed officer from general headquarters staff finally dashed up, shouted: "Stop that infernal noise!"

The commanding officer did not look in the direction from which the advice came, but coolly instructed an orderly: "If this kind of music gets on the nerves of any of my officers, I want to know the name of the man immediately."

That settled that.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Donovan Made Espionage Chief

Navy to Foster Good Will on Job

Coast Towns Want Sectional Bases

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 3.—With Herr Hitler fighting Joe Stalin, aided by the Finns, who have the only real democracy in Europe (Britain has been cutting off supplies for Finland from the United States); with the interior department's Columbia power bill and similar matters of moment, the public overlooked some real news.

John Edgar Hoover and his G-men will report to "Wild Bill" Donovan. Others reporting to Major General Donovan will be the navy and army intelligence departments, the secret service, the treasury investigators, the narcotic inspectors. "Wild Bill" has been made the big chief of these agencies. They all must report to him and he will report only to President Roosevelt.

General Donovan's right hand will be the president's first born, Captain Jimmy Roosevelt, juke box promoter.

If Chief of Staff George Marshall gives an order to General Sherman Miles of G-2, Donovan can countermand it. Donovan can give orders to the undercover agents which Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has in the Puget sound navy yard.

He can, if he wants, tell J. Edgar Hoover to keep out of night clubs and avoid the society of keyhole columnists. The job of chief of espionage is Donovan's reward for his rambling around Europe last spring for Secretary Knox.

IN the world war Donovan was called "Wild Bill" because, as an officer of the "fighting 68th," he was wounded three times and received enough decorations to sink a ship. Being a good Republican, he was an assistant attorney general and hoped to be made attorney general, but Herbert Hoover was dissuaded by some of the Hooververats of the south. Several months ago Secretary Knox, who is also a Republican, commissioned Donovan to do gumshoe work in Europe. He lost his passport, his pocketbook, missed airplanes, but managed to see the "right people," among others the Yugoslavs and kidded them into fighting Hitler, which they did for a couple of days before surrendering. In other days Donovan would be called a conspirator.

After reporting to Knox and the president, Donovan hoped to be made attorney general (his old ambition) as Robert Jackson was shifted to the supreme court, but there were objections to this again (history repeating), so the president hit upon the idea of making Donovan a super sleuth, the one over all the various intelligence agencies.

ONE of these days a sound

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truck will roll up to the Willamette Iron Works in Portland and a canned record will give a pep talk to the men working on the mine layers being built for the navy. There will be a speaker, perhaps an admiral, who will jolly the boys, and there will be motion pictures. It is also in the cards that someone will take radio commentators from Portland broadcasting stations and give them a feed. For creating good will in the 60 plants where navy contracts have been allowed \$75,000 by the house and the senate may follow through. The sound trucks have been ordered; the electrical transcriptions are being prepared; some of the movies are ready and others are in the making, and several high ranking navy officers are arranging to go on the road like veteran troupers.

A few days ago Admiral Hepburn threw a dinner party in New York to eight commentators and the bill comes out of the \$75,000. In answer to questions by the appropriations committee, it was explained that the commentators have to be given the proper navy slant, because the people receive their news from the radio so the navy wishes to reach the source of this information. For this character of entertainment \$5,000 will be used.

THERE is a break in the jetty at Tillamook bay through which the waves and logs surge to cottages on the shore behind the jetty. It is just a matter of time when the cottages will be battered to death. Appeal has been made to army engineers to fill the gap and save the real estate. A survey has been conducted and the engineers explain that inasmuch as the break in the jetty does not affect navigation they have no authority to do anything about it.

Gold Beach, Harbor and Crescent City are asking that the navy establish a sectional base in those places as well as at Astoria and Coos Bay. Navy department plans having some 50 such sectional bases from Maine to straits of Juan de Fuca and will increase the number on the Oregon coast when funds are made available. The sectional bases will range in cost from \$300,000 to more than \$1,000,000. That at Astoria is supposed to cost \$800,000.

Flight O' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

July 3, 1931.

(It was Sunday)

Sen. Borah of Idaho proposes monetization of silver as cure for panic.

Auto deaths over national holiday number 175.

Premier Mussolini and Vatican near split over anti-fascists.

Uzcedun, Spanish fighter defeats Max Baer in brutish battle at Reno.

June rainfall of 3.49 inches breaks all records, and is boon to valley crops.

France and America reach accord over war debt moratorium.

Valley is darkened by dust storm, blown in from the eastern Oregon desert by a north-west wind. Sun is obscured, and foothills invisible.

Fair and warm. High 95, low 56.

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