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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

It is only 363 days until another 4th of July, 172 until Christmas, and approximately 70 until school opens, according to statistics compiled by the kids and their Maws.

Former President H. Hoover made a speech on the international situation last week. Many honestly disagreed with him, and the majority from force of habit.

There was a general begira, exodus, and skinning out for the tall timber, and the sad sea waves by the masses to observe their independence. There was the usual excess of bum driving on the highways and byways.

The local boys who are making good in the army will be here Tues. for three days, during which they will visit and partake of home-cooking.

The song of the mowing machine is heard in the rural regions, as the tillers get ready to bring in the sheaves, for which they will get nothing.

E. Carlton of the Table Rk. district and Shorty (Farm-Fresh) Morris area took in the ball game Wed. eve under the arcs.

F. Scheffel, city supt., has returned from Calif., where he studied army camps and how the arrival of more people in municipalities increases the population.

A number of Jack. co. boys who attended the Beaver State agenda at Corvallis were elected to the legislature. They thoroughly understand, if this happens in real life, they will have to go.

The horse chestnut crop of the valley is coming along fine. Like the weeds, they take care of themselves, and wind-up with a surplus.

The sheriff's posse and mounts will adorn a parade in the metropolis next week, traveling thither by train. The stock will ride in a special car. This will enable the nags to snort and cavort, and not act like they have been plowing all night, while waiting for the procession to start the usual 40 mins. late.

The C. Wig Ashpole boy Chuck is sitting up straight in the rear seat of a new motor vehicle.

G. Averill of the B. Falls hills townied in mid-week. He reported the vanishing of the late Elks' old tomcat left a "ketch in his windpipe."

During June, 34 couples fell victims of Daniel Cupid, and all were duly hitched without benefit of shivaree.

Pronunciation of cantonment and Russian towns, has local linguists stumped. It is befuddling to find that Lwow is pronounced Lavuff.

A number of screen favorites of both genders went through the valley the past week, causing mild furores and palpitation.

There was not much traffic on the Main Stem Fri am., so good time was made by all.

The Grover Cleveland Corum twins can now stand up for a period, also a comma. Dicky can now be heard squalling for two blocks, with the wind at his back.

The Dubb Watson boy Ed is going to work for C. Wing, as a brakeman on a milk wagon.

The July 4th Speech

THE speech delivered by President Roosevelt on the "Fourth" should remove what doubt may still exist, that this country is really a participant in the World War No. 2, although no war declaration has been made.

Not only does the President speak of the seriousness of the task, in which the United States is engaged, but he speaks of the impossibility of American survival, in a totalitarian world, and the necessity of pledging not only the national will, and labor, but the LIVES of all citizens, to the maintenance of American freedom and independence.

THAT, we believe, is the first direct reference to a FIGHTING war, that has come from the White House, since the conflict in Europe started. In fact, by chance, the "Man from Mars" for the first time tuned in on this declaration by the chief executive of the United States, he must naturally have assumed it was a pronouncement delivered by a country at war.

AND why not? The puzzling thing is not, that President Roosevelt spoke as he did on Friday, but that he has not been so frank and direct long before.

The most likely explanation, in this department's opinion, is that the President believes, that until the shooting phase of the war starts in, a war declaration better be avoided. Not until very recently has he regarded such a phase as imminent.

But with the entrance of Russia into the melee he does see fighting ahead. He, therefore, decided the anniversary of American independence, was an opportune time to warn the American people, that the talking phase of the conflict has passed, and almost any day now, the shooting may start.

War With Japan?

WHY should the entrance of Soviet Russia change the war picture so vitally, from the standpoint of the United States?

The answer is Japan. In spite of Walter Lippmann's thoughtful prognosis, there is no evidence of an American-Japanese rapprochement in the Pacific, as a result of Hitler's attack on the U.S.S.R.

In fact up to the present time quite the reverse. The Japanese government, with characteristic indirection, refuses to define its position, but does admit a decision has been reached, and there is practically a unanimous belief in diplomatic circles, that this decision is pro-Hitler and anti-United States.

IF this belief is well founded, then if and when a German victory in Russia is assured, Japan will almost certainly clamp down a blockade on Vladivostok and the far eastern Siberian coast. For as long as she remains a member of the Axis, she can't take the risk of any American interference in that area.

More than that if any temporary armistice could be secured in China, Japan might even proclaim her own "der tag" and order her fleet, in an all-out effort against Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

In either event, a direct clash with the United States would be inevitable, and a clash with gunpowder in it.

THIS is all hypothetical of course. And like Italy, Japan is deferring any final commitment, until she is quite certain, in her own mind at least, that Soviet Russia's cause is hopeless.

But there is good reason to believe, that it was the effect of Russia's participation, in the Far East rather than in Europe, that impelled President Roosevelt, to abandon all reference to—or hope for—peace, in his Independence Day talk.

Never Again!

OUR old pal "Wishful Thinker" bobs up again with his usual large dish of glad tidings.

Germany is licked in Russia. The blitzkrieg that was to knock out Stalin in two weeks, has bogged down on some unpronounceable river, which is running red with Nazi blood and carrying log-jams of Hun corpses to the Black Sea. In another two weeks, the Red Army will spring its own offensive (which has been preparing secretly all this time behind the Stalin line), and Hitler will be fleeing for his life to that bomb-shelter at Berchtesgaden, etc., etc., etc.

As a matter of fact this department DOES feel more hopeful about this Russian clash than any of the preceding, and will not be surprised to see it mark the REAL turning point in World War No. 2.

But, on the other hand, we have really fallen for W.T.'s line of talk so often,—ever since Hitler invaded Poland,—that we are not going to fall for it THIS time.

NOPE. We are through trying to raise our hopes by the well known bootstraps.

By the law of averages W.T. shouldn't be 100% wrong, ALL THE TIME,—and this may be the time to prove it,—but the pattern of this Russian victory, is too reminiscent of the victorious patterns that have preceded it, to get a rise out of this badly disillusioned department.

Look up the record W.T. Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, France, the Balkans and Crete,—the "filthy Huns" have been slaughtered by the car load in every campaign since the war started,—there have been halts just like this one to mark the long awaited defeat, yet when it was all over and the score added up,—there was the

homicidal Reichsfuehrer with another gory scalp on his belt!

WE honestly believe there is more cause for optimism in this present mix-up than any preceding it, in fact the situation looks better and better as the struggle goes on. But this department isn't going to be caught out on a limb again.

We shall give no more "three rousing cheers" until there is something final to cheer about!

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

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SALUTARY INFLUENCE OF GOOD COFFEE

If you tell a lie often enough in time you will come to believe it yourself. Or as Shakespeare laboriously expressed it—



Like one Who having unto truth, by telling of it, Made such a sinner of his memory, To credit his own lie, Too bad coffee was introduced to England long after Shakespeare's time. It would have enabled Mr. Shakespeare to do better work.

There are several notions prevalent about the effects of coffee which seem to be based on nothing more than constant repetition in certain magazines, pamphlets and other publications by or for special interests—interests that probably come to believe the misconceptions themselves in time.

One such notion is that coffee makes you "nervous."

For every individual who may feel more "nervous"—whatever that may be—when he or she indulges in coffee, there are scores who need and benefit by the gentle lift they get from a cup or two of good coffee in the morning. Particularly people who have subnormal metabolism. For them coffee is the ideal stimulant without a "hangover." Good coffee makes such folk easier to live with. It cheers them up a bit, which, heaven knows, their relatives and friends can stand.

Another common misconception concerning coffee is that it makes one "bilious," whatever that may be, or at any rate it is bad for the liver. The poor geeks who take all these imaginings seriously seem to know intuitively things about the liver that are unknown to physiologists and physicians. Physiologists and physicians recognize no such state as "biliousness"—in fact the trick diagnosis of "bilious attack" is tantamount to a confession that the quack doesn't know or care what ails you and is willing to play along with you on any basis you like.

But "biliousness" as a state of mind may be fairly ascribed to coffee—to bad coffee, in many instances. Webster says bilious

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

AMERICAN independence was born July 4, 1776—165 years ago Friday.

It was a dark world the infant was ushered into.

SEVEN years earlier Napoleon Bonaparte had been born. Two years earlier the ill-fated Louis XVI ascended the throne of France.

Fifteen years after the Declaration of Independence came the French Revolution. Sixteen years afterward Louis XVI and his queen Marie Antoinette were beheaded.

TWENTY-THREE years later Napoleon became dictator of France and the French republic died.

FOR 16 years after he became First Consul (dictator) of France, Europe resounded to the din of Napoleon's conquests. Nations fell on every hand—as they are falling now.

Whenever he fought, Napoleon won—as Hitler has. Until the LAST TIME. The last time came at Waterloo, in 1815.

That ended Napoleon.

NAPOLEON was checked by Russia. It was his march to Moscow that first broke his power. Two years later he abdicated as emperor and was sent to Elba. After 11 months he escaped and returned to France in temporary triumph for the Hundred Days.

Communications

War With Japan?

To the Editor: If you were listening the other day to the short-wave broadcast in English from Japan you heard something like the following: "If the United States insists on filling the docks at Vladivostok with war supplies for Russia, Japan will feel obliged to take a hand." By that I feel that war between the United States and Japan is certain as we expect, and rightly so, to give what aid we can to Russia.

The advantages of a declaration on our part are many. May I enumerate a few of the most salient? With the fall of Japan we are assured of:

1—The absence of any fear of aggression from the far east.

2—More and greater amounts of supplies of manufactured war materials for ourselves and the Britains which now are shipped elsewhere.

3—The unchecked flow of the raw and strategic materials from the East Indies to the United States, Canada and other democracies.

4—The cut in the volumes of military supplies now sent to Chang Kai Chek in China.

5—The release of the Russian army now guarding the Russian boundaries against Japan for service against Germany.

6—The restoration of Chinese territory to a people who have put up a grand resistance against terrific odds.

7—The advent of a strong pro-democratic Chinese government to police the far east.

8—The removal of threats potential and otherwise to our island possessions and Alaskan territory.

9—The end of colonization ideas in South American republics by the Japanese.

10—The reduction of a top world power of a dictatorial type to that of a second-rate Balkan kingdom.

11—The opportunity to settle once and for all the question of Japanese infestation and aggression on the Pacific coast.

12—A training ground during the war, for the military of the United States.

13—The opportunity to deport all Japanese from the United States and colonize those who are American born in restricted areas.

14—The opening of the greatest market in the world, China, to American trade with the opportunity to establish this trade while other nations are unable to take advantage of it.

15—The advantage of having struck the first blow and more than likely the deciding blow in the war to come.

H. Wheeler Hunt, Medford, Oregon.

President Can't Declare War

To the Editor: Since the Stars and Stripes are still waving over "the land of the free and the home of the brave", please let me have my "say".

In one of your editorials for July 1st you say that it is time now for the president of the United States, with the help of the best experts he can find, to decide now whether or not the U. S. should enter foreign war. As an afterthought you drag in congress and the Constitution.

I gather that you want congress and the Constitution brought into the matter, as an act of good form, a sort of old ceremony, that ought not to be forsaken, a becoming act of respect to something that is old and once was loved.

Yes, the Constitution is old and once was loved. It specifically invests the right to make war in the congress, not the presidency.

The brave and wise men who pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, to secure an independent government for this country, refused to entrust to any one man this great power. They expected congress, to be a check on the president. They secured an independent judiciary to apply the Constitution to both president and congress. When our president takes office he promises to preserve, protect and defend—not the people, not our wealth, not our religion, not our liberty—but the Constitution—a piece of paper with words written on it.

The brave and wise men who endured the sufferings of the war of 1776, who were chosen by the common people, planned for us a constitutional government—not a government of persons. They placed the real final power of this land in the Constitution and placed safeguards around it. They aimed to prevent any one man from too much power. They invested our three great branches of government with specific powers. They said congress should make and declare war. They had reasons

for planning this way, and the states ratified this great document, and there are many people today who are giving their lives, and having their honor besmirched to uphold it.

I feel that the real dangers to our country today are invisible and intangible. One of them is the tendency to set aside our Constitution in every time of crisis.

Won't others who truly believe in "Government of the people, by the people and for the people", speak?

ANNA C. SHORT, Lake Creek, Oregon.



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culture reports that the crops of youngberries, loganberries and blackberries are smaller this season than last. It was intended to buy up surplus berries and have them prepared for the British. The investigation disclosed, however, that there is an immediate market for the berries at good prices.

THERE is a prospect of aviation lines serving the Pacific northwest reducing their schedules. The government is taking the airlines and sending them to the British. Eighteen have already gone, 12 must be turned over this week and 12 more by August 1. Thirty more commercial passenger planes will soon be finished, will also go to the British, and orders for 43 more have been surrendered to the government. While American lines have complied with the commandeering, they feel they have a kick coming when no Canadian line has, they assert, given up any planes and the British are maintaining their airlines in South America. Curtailment of schedules will, naturally, affect the airmail service.

ADMINISTRATION forces have prevented the publication of a report by a house subcommittee in which the higherups are severely criticized for the handling of war materials and stockpiles. Contents of the report may be debated on the floor and reach the public in that manner.

THE president has approved

a WPA project for Oregon which would build fire trails and waterholes for stock in 16 counties—the western half of the state. Counties include Douglas, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Clatsop, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill and Multnomah.

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 6, 1931

(It was Tuesday)

Dan Collier while guarding his henhouse has pocketbook stolen from bedroom.

Building permits in city show decided increase past month.

Young men engaged in series of local burglaries and holdups paroled and sentenced by Judge Norton.

State tax problems aired at conference in Salem with Gov. Meier.

Mercury jumps to 89 and valley sizzles along with rest of state. Lightning starts five fires on the upper Rogue. Firebug sets one in the Beagle district.

Cooler tomorrow. High 89, low 56.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 6, 1921

(It was Thursday)

President Harding to address congress on soldier bonus bill and tariff measure. Democrats oppose latter measure, as hurting the south.

Hood River posse kills ex-convict after he kidnaps woman and daughter and shoots husband.

Chicago gasps in torrid heat. Second cutting of alfalfa starts in Jacksonville area.

New gun perfected by Edison will throw five tons ten miles.

California woman tourist catches first trout of season in Crater Lake.

More livestock needed in valley to eat surplus hay, county agent says.

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