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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

An eastern scientist finds Der Fuehrer Hitler possesses "the nervous tension" to have been a master piccolo player. Thus the world has one less piccolo player and one more "Napoleon."

The army band on parade did noble yes. It marched and played two whole blocks without losing its individual and collective wind.

"While wearing slacks, some have the knack of looking lak ruin and wrack."—(KC Star)—As duly noted.

The British public and press are demanding land action against Germany, while she is engaged in the east, with Russia—the brave and bewhiskered allies of the democracies. It seems a logical time and the peoples of the conquered lands might rise from their complacency to help them. In the meantime, the "sweet calm," the poets sing about, abides over all Italy, and all they know of war is what they read in the papers.

IS HIM JEALOUS?

(Eugene Register-Guard)

"A disgruntled Eugene male, burned because his female friend was paying so much attention to the uniformed soldiers, barked: 'How about the hostesses that are supposed to be with the army... I'd like to make them feel at home, too!'"

A California rancher found a \$113 gold nugget in a haystack. The supposition is he was looking for a needle.

Iceland, where American naval forces have landed "to keep the Atlantic free," gets diabolically cold. According to one account, a cup of hot tea will freeze solid, and the wind blow it away before one is able to sip it.

Mrs. J. Cochran Robin of the Chise Apts visited the Baptist church lawn Tues. as she understood there was to be choir practice, of which there was none.

The esteemed Oregonian editorially declares the federal lottery plan, approved by Portland citizens in a front-door poll, "has been tried and found wanting." There is no doubt about it. Inevitably the lottery ticket purchaser is found wanting another one.

FIR HEAVENS SAKES!

(Merrick (N.Y.) Life)

FOR SALE

"BUREAU for sale by woman with beech wood drawers. Fpt. 33370."

Efforts of a number of amateur mountaineers in the north-west area, during the observance of the nation's birthday, to emulate a Rocky Mt. goal, resulted in nothing more serious than keeping themselves, and the nearest forest rangers up all night.

The Nazis, Berlin reports are astounded by the "treachery of the Red soldiers who 'played dead,' and opened fire on the passing Hitler legions. Nazi diplomats 'played possum' with a number of the conquered lands, with non-aggression pacts, and before the ink was dry thereon launched blitzkriegs. No people has a monopoly on treachery, but it is aggravating when self-appointed masters of it are hoisted on their own cussedness.

Fort Worth, Tex. (UP)—Enough bells to stretch across this town of 170,000 were stolen in a robbery here. The men's belts were valued at \$1,351.20. They ranged in size from 26 to 32.

Everybody Register Tomorrow

BETTER be safe than be sorry! If that wise adage had been followed when Hitler first started into the Rhineland, the world situation today would be different.—VERY different indeed! It was the failure to play safe, the willingness to take chances, the almost universal disposition to regard the Hitler menace as exaggerated and the product of war hysteria, that have been largely responsible for the tragic predicament of world democracy at the present tragic time.

THE civilian registration program which opens here tomorrow, serves notice on the world, that as far as Jackson County is concerned at least, this peaceful community in Southern Oregon is going to take no chances.

There is no war hysteria here. No one expects shells from the Japanese fleet to come soaring over the coast range tomorrow. The prospect of a Nazi air bombardment, via the Bering straits is conceded to be extremely remote, if not impossible.

BUT—This country IS actually if not technically in the war. No one can tell precisely when it WILL become a shooting war. When it does, no one can tell just WHERE the first blow will fall.

It may not be here on the Pacific Coast. On the other hand, who knows, it MAY be.

AT any rate Jackson County is not going to be found napping, and in accordance with Governor Sprague's wise and farsighted policy, a general registration for civilian preparedness and defense will be held tomorrow, the regular election day polling places being open and operating for that purpose.

WE need hardly emphasize this is an extremely important occasion. This progressive community as usual has taken the leadership, Jackson County being one of the few in the state, calling the regular election boards into action. The outcome will be watched with interest all up and down the coast, and it now depends upon you,—and you,—and you,—as to whether the effort is to be a failure or a success.

So come on boys and girls and make it a success, a complete and entire success.

Register at any regular polling place tomorrow between the hours of 2 and 8 p.m., so the proper authorities may know what, in an emergency, you are best fitted to do, and proper organization can be started at once.

NO drilling will be involved. No uniforms will be passed around. This isn't a fighting effort, in the general accepted meaning of the term.

It is a PREPAREDNESS effort. And certainly the present war has demonstrated its supreme importance.

For modern war is total—and total war is war for the civilian as well as the combatant; war behind the front, as well as at it. Armies can't stop fighting to put out fires, aid injured citizens, give directions to bomb shelters, prevent panic, look after sanitation, communication, morale,—or do the thousand things that must be done if a community is PROPERLY prepared to defend itself. This will be work for the registrants to do.

EVEN granting that actual hostilities here in the Rogue River Valley are extremely unlikely,—which is true. Nevertheless, there are other things of vital importance in general preparedness not in a direct military sense at all, but simply part of a coordinated, common sense plan of being ready at home when, and if, a shooting war does come, instead of following the European example, and only getting busy in this direction AFTER it's too late!

SO don't forget, the polls are open tomorrow from 2 in the afternoon until 8 at night. If you are able-bodied "white and over 18" go to your polling place and sign up.

You may think there is nothing for you to do, but in modern war there is something FOR EVERYONE TO DO, and the sooner the proper classification is made, the better for all concerned.

Should F. D. R. Be Impeached?

WE are asked what has become of President Roosevelt's solemn promise in the recent campaign that if reelected he would not send troops to any foreign land, except in case of attack.

Isn't Greenland a "foreign land?" our correspondent asks.

It is.

Then hasn't President Roosevelt broken his promise?

He has.

Then shouldn't he be impeached?

Hardly!

We fear if every President who said one thing during his campaign, and did something else when he got in the White House, had been impeached, some of our greatest chief executives would never have remained in office for more than a few weeks.

The point, as we see it, is not what was or wasn't said in the 1940 campaign, but what is BEST for this country AT THE PRESENT TIME.

The world situation is changing rapidly these days. The fate of a country failing to keep up with it might well be TRAGIC.

The flower trade of The Netherlands Indies has been depressed by expenditures for war the department of commerce statistics show.

Ninety-two percent of all retail stores are independently operated against 77.6 percent in 1929, department of commerce statistics show.

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.

WHO CARES ABOUT BLOOD PRESSURE?

Composite of numerous foolish questions: "Have blood pressure. Would like to know if grape juice, red meat, starches, eggs, vitamins, coffee, fried food, salt, garlic, wheat germ, sausage, smoking, sleeping without pillow, etc., etc., is beneficial or harmful."

At least such questions seem foolish, but maybe that is because I don't know as much about blood pressure as the correspondent thinks he or she knows.

Frankly, I know little about it. A lot of doctors apparently know a great deal about it, enough to write imposing books about it—I'm posing, I said. There is a small shelf full of such books in my library. It saddens me to look even at the backs of 'em. Reminds me of the enormous amount of printed matter dealing with ineffectual medicine and health alone the mass of such stuff is appalling.

Remember, now, I know little about blood pressure, high, low or intermediary. Don't read another word if you are handling your own case, for my utterances will only confuse you.

As a rule high blood pressure is a beneficial compensatory manifestation, a change which is necessary to maintain fairly good circulation in spite of some handicap. Just what the handicap may be in a given case is a question which only the patient's own physician can answer intelligently, after he has examined and studied the patient.

As a rule low blood pressure is one feature of some individual, perhaps inherited constitutional peculiarity or of some nutritional deficiency or of some chronic disease.

Long ago some inept physician who examined me for life insurance informed me that my blood pressure was low. I have had similar examinations many times since, but have never cared what my blood pressure measurement showed. I have at my elbow an accurate mercury sphygmomanometer (instrument for measuring blood pressure) but I do not think it worth while to use it to measure my

communications for ourselves, the British convoy system will materially benefit.

LEGEND OF CURSE ON PEER REVIVED

London (UP)—The legend of a tragic curse in the Lambton family has been revived by the death of Viscount Lambton, son and heir of the Earl of Durham, who was found shot dead on the lawn of Fenton House, Northumberland.

Viscount Lambton was only 20, and had registered for military service shortly before the tragedy.

According to the tradition, concerning the Lambton worm, the Lords of Lambton for nine generations were doomed not to die in their beds. This tradition dates from the Crusades when the Lord Lambton of the time slew a worm so huge that it could wind itself round a hill near Lambton Castle.

WAR THINS RANKS OF SWISS MILLIONAIRES

Zurich (AP)—Biggest city in Switzerland, Zurich boasted 358 millionaires last year. This year there are 304. The 54 ex-millionaires claimed the war was forcing them to live off their capital and, thereby, reduced their fortunes.

To be called a "millionaire" in Switzerland a man needs only the equivalent of \$232,300, American value of 1,000,000 Swiss francs.

Run of Luck

Willows, Cal. (UP)—Manuel Elshio had a running streak of luck at a card game played for several days in succession. His luck was still running high when a friend jokingly remarked: "A fellow's always lucky before he dies." Elshio left the game in a few minutes and was struck by a truck and killed.

Never Drinks

Brisbane, Australia (UP)—Australia's oldest known koala bear has not taken a drink for the past 18 years, according to keepers of the Lone Pine zoo. The animal was captured during the 1920 open season and placed in

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Housewives Note

Cost Increases

Farm Bloc

Opposes Curb

Labor Squadron

To Help Farmers

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 9.—Housewives in Oregon, who are careful buyers, have noticed the gradual increase in the cost of many items at grocery stores, the meat shops, and various other commodities. In the national capital Leon Henderson, of the office of price administration and civilian supply (OPACS), is aware of the increase, just as he is familiar with the motor prices which have gone up despite his warning. It is the job of Henderson to keep tabs on prices, and this is done by a staff of men and women who are constantly drawing charts and marking each increase (there are no decreases).

Mr. Henderson has placed a ceiling on several items, but as he has no actual authority, the specialists in those items can ignore him if they desire, and some of them have. Mr. Henderson is aware that the cost of living will be higher but to the best of his ability he will sit on the lid. However, there is a group of congressmen who insist that OPACS shall not interfere with the rising prices until and unless congress gives permission. In the main this is the so-called farm bloc, and on farm legislation this group usually gets what it wants, regardless of President Roosevelt, the director of the budget or any other agency attempting to interfere.

It can be stated for the record that the entire Oregon delegation are in the farm bloc, Republicans and Democrats. So also are members of the Washington delegation and the delegation from Idaho. It is one point on which all these states have a common interest. Fundamentally, what the farmers receive for their product what is known as "parity prices," which is not exactly the cost of production but a price which should reasonably satisfy them.

Of course, everything that goes on the table comes from the farm, and much that goes on the back comes from the farm, so it gets down to food and clothing, two of the three things essential in living—the third, shelter.

Like every other producer, the farmer's costs are going up; labor is hard to get, and if he requires new machinery he discovers that priorities have stepped in. But OPACS knows this: the farmers are not receiving the increase in canned goods now moving, for these were canned on last year's crop. They will obtain better prices for their products this season, and Mr. Henderson sees no reason why goods now on shelves should be upped in prices when they were processed under the old order. Before OPACS starts fixing prices, however, a rip-roaring battle can be expected in congress.

SO serious is the shortage of agricultural labor in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado that the department of labor is organizing a flying squadron of farm hands to be transported from place to place, many of these workers to come from New Mexico and southern California. The department has called for a list of labor needed for crops, county by county, and has investigated the cost of transportation. Wheat farmers in eastern Oregon have been interviewed as to how many hands they will require and when they will be needed. Orchardists have had similar inquiries. With this data the labor department has already started its caravan of workers and they will be thrown into one county after another as crops are harvested.

It is the first time the labor department has felt called upon to furnish farm help and the experiment is being watched with interest, for if it is successful these labor battalions may have to be used each year until the emergency is over and people leave the shipyards and munitions plants and return to the soil. Labor department says the movement will be in an orderly manner and unless something goes wrong every farmer who is crying for help to save his crop will have his wants supplied. Wages, of course, will be higher than have prevailed, but it is a case of paying more or losing a crop.

SENTIMENT ON "the hill" is distinctly against helping the Soviets. Members of congress recall that many of the recent strikes in defense industries were promoted by communists and recognize that the delay in furnishing material to the British as well as equipping Amer-

ican troops can be laid at the door of these agents of Moscow. Congressmen assert that if American goods help Russia defeat Germany—and no one in the capital expects Russia to win—the United States will simply be saving Russia so that it can later continue its campaign to destroy the government of this country. Whatever the foreign policy of the administration is, this is the viewpoint of the average senator and representative. Ambassador Oumansky has asked for tanks, planes, guns and, above all, machine tools. Moscow radio broadcast that it needed no help from the United States.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

LET'S keep this Iceland business straight in our minds. It is another step toward war. Beginning with the transfer of destroyers to Britain and continuing through the lease-lend bill, we've taken these steps with such regularity as to have committed ourselves.

We'll go to war whenever Hitler starts shooting at us.

READ this Washington dispatch: "Administration circles said the move (occupation of Iceland) was taken to thwart a vast German pincer campaign against Britain's vital supply lines."

"It was said that the U. S. government had been informed just before Germany's attack on Russia that Hitler planned a two-pronged blockade squeeze—one extending to Iceland to war on north Atlantic shipping, the other running through Portugal southward to Dakar to prey on British shipping in the south Atlantic."

REMEMBER this: The government, through its various intelligence services, possesses information the rest of us do not have.

In war time (for this as well as other reasons) we HAVE TO TRUST our government.

KEEP this also in mind: The STRONGER we are, the better prepared to meet any eventuality, the less likely Hitler will be to start shooting at us.

The WEAKER we are, the more CERTAIN he will be to start shooting.

GERMAN military dispatches today (Tuesday) report that the flower of the Nazi army, flinging itself against the Stalin line, is contending with EVERY FORM OF RUSSIAN TREACHERY.

Fields of soviet "corpses," these dispatches say, suddenly spring to arms and open a murderous fire on unwary German soldiers.

Camouflaged Russian case-mates (defense points) let German panzer units roar by without betraying their presence and then open a terrific fire from the rear.

When Russian armored cars are put out of commission, their crews will disappear into fields of high grain only to turn up suddenly ELSEWHERE to begin a fierce sniping action.

DNB (the German propaganda service) describes this "trickery" as showing how the Germans "have to keep their wits forever about them." Its purpose is to bolster the home morale by telling how smart the German troops are.

It is really a HIGH COMPLIMENT to the Russians. These "tricks" are a part of the fabric of war. In one form or another, they have been employed by every great commander since fighting began. Hannibal was peculiarly expert at deceiving the enemy. So was Napoleon.

Every ring fighter who gets anywhere uses feints. Fake plays are a part of the tactics of every successful football coach. Only the unbelievably dumb do not avail themselves of the advantage of fooling the other fellow and taking him by surprise.

THE Russians, you see, are NOT as dumb as they might be. These "trickery" tales the German propagandists are peddling prove it.

JAPAN, obviously concerned about American occupation of Iceland, describes it as a "stride toward war" and compares it to the possible sending of Japanese troops to the Dutch East Indies.

The point is that Japan is still talking.

When she means business she will START DOING.

Better Late

Oroville, Calif. (AP)—For 50 years Harry James Osborne voted here and even served as a school board member. Then he learned he was not an American citizen. So at the age of 70 he rectified the matter and took out his papers.

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 9, 1931.

(It was Saturday)

Refusal of France to give assistance may force Germany off the gold basis.

Premier Ramsay MacDonald of England, "the next world war will mean the end of civilization."

Efforts of Gov. Meier to oust state air board causes political fuss.

Heat wave over valley moderates, and cooler weather predicted.

Miss Viola Templeton of Copco, wins oratorical contest at Portland. She is now Mrs. Bernie Hughes.

Deficit in state fund decreases, Gov. Meier reports.

President Hoover urges American gold backing to prevent financial collapse in Germany. France objects.

Continued fair and warm. High 93, low 51.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 9, 1921.

(It was Sunday)

Scores killed and injured as riots break out again in Belfast.

Man and wife from California, carrying baby in arms, and wheeling earthly goods in baby buggy, present strange sight on highway.

President Harding to ask delay on soldiers bonus bill.

California Bartlett's average \$7 per box in Boston, as first fruit arrives.

Crater Lake serves 200 people for Sunday, as biggest crowd of season visits lake.

State game commission to enlarge Butte Falls hatchery.

Warmer tomorrow; high 88, low 49.

NO SOIL FARMS SEEN SPREADING

Phoenix, Ariz. (UP)—Experts predict that Phoenix and the "Valley of the Sun" in which it is located soon may be the soil-less farming capital of the nation.

Ernest Brundin, Montebello, Cal., scientist who developed soil-less farming on a mass production basis and planned commercial use of the method, said the Phoenix area offered ideal conditions for the proposed new industry.

The revolutionary new farming methods adapt itself easily to culture of vegetables, Brundin explained. He expressed hopes to produce vegetables out of season that would bring good prices on eastern markets.

Roots of the vegetables are immersed in glass tanks filled with water to which chemicals are added in the combinations to produce the best growth.

Honor System Fails

Berkeley, Cal. (UP)—The University of California, after adequate trial, has abandoned the "honor system" of examinations which were conducted without professors being present. The student body president replied that "cheating would never be eliminated until you cut out stiff competition for grades."

Street Flushers

Lansing, Mich. (UP)—City officials have glorified three street flushers by making them part of this city's emergency fire fighting equipment. The lumbering, gray tank trucks were equipped with pumps capable of shooting a stream of water 100 feet from regulation fire hose.

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