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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Wire-photos of Marshall Sem-

mon Budyenny in command of

the Russian Army in the South-

west have been received and

printed in this country, and re-

veal the military dignitary sports

a mustache of no mean propor-

tions, on any front. From tip to

tip on paper it measures one

inch and a hair and maintains a

quarier inch depth throughout

its course. It's coal black, and

comes under the head of the wal-

rus type. It has the rugged im-

penetrability of a wild black-

berry bush, untouched and un-

curried by the hand of a barber.

It is a rather imposing facial

adornment, and makes the C.

Chaplin affair affected by A.

Hitler of Germany, appear more

insignificant than it really is.

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"The bride has selected for her

costume an attractive bridal bo-

quet made up of sweet peas and

baby breath."—(Morrison (III).

Sentinel)—Nice weather for it!

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Yesterday was the day your

corr. advised all good citizens to

wait for last January, when the

frost was on the windshield, and

remember tenderly. We now ad-

vice all to remember yesterday

next January.

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The Treasury department re-

ports on June 30 everybody in

the land should have had \$72.39

in his jeans, personally or by

proxy.

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The British premier in a

speech yesterday announced the

time has come for Germany "to

suffer in their own home-

land and cities some of the

terrors" they have twice in

20 years loosed upon their

neighbors and the world. Brit-

ain plans to launch the fury of

her rising aerial might upon a

nation whose god has been

war, and loved the sound of

soldiers' feet marching to con-

quest. And, at the same time,

bombs should fall upon Italian

soil, to remind that nation they

are still a member of the axis,

and must take the consequences

thereof.

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There were 25 candidates for

US. senator in the late election

in Texas. This is two better

than this county trotted out for

sheriff in a crisis.

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JUST LOOKING FOR SOME

(Cong. Record)

"On page 5027 of the con-

gressional Record, at the end

of the talk I made yesterday,

appears the word 'applause'.

There was no applause, and I

ask that the word be stricken

out."

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"Hatt was shocked and so was

his wheat. So he returned home

and started burning the entire

crop, bundle by bundle."—(Press

Dispatch)—His anger also

burned.

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Next week the county resi-

dents will start taking pot shots

at the dictators by giving their

aluminum pans to Uncle Sam.

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The secretary of state has re-

commended auto license fees be

reduced from \$3 to \$2 a year.

This is viewed by the upstate

press as the opening gun of run-

ning for something next spring.

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The "Sunshine club members

met Friday at the home of Mrs.

Frank Parr to tie a comforter

which will be given to a needy

family."—(Turner Items in Sa-

lem Capital-Journal)—Eternal

fitness note.

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The variance in the war news

from Moscow and Berlin in-

dicates the respective press de-

partments, if they really put

themselves to it, could turn out

a fish story.

Has F.D.R. Broken Faith?

To the Editor:

What sort of honor is it when a candidate before election promises he won't send any American boys to fight in any foreign land and then without asking anyone's permission does send them? What sort of honor is it when a country promises to conscript boys for only one year, and then, without asking their permission, tells them when that year is up they were really conscripted for "the duration." I am not so much against war if it has to be to save our country, but I am certainly against backing into it like a crab, and all the time telling the people we are keeping out of it. I don't know what you think about the Roosevelt record in his third term but I think it's a disgrace! T. W. W.

AS before stated in this department, as conditions change so do obligations.

We grant it was regrettable that the President of the United States, during the 1940 campaign, made that promise not to send troops to fight in any foreign land.

But, as Wendell Willkie, the President's opponent, remarked about HIS campaign pledges, that was a "political campaign." And statements during the heat of a political conflict, even by Presidents, should not be taken too seriously, or too literally. It's a part of the democratic process.

Should we do everything in our power to keep Britain from going down, and defeating Hitler's program of world conquest?

Or should we only go half-way, give Britain a token assistance, and let nature take its course?

MOREOVER, how about that lease-lend measure?

That bill was debated thoroughly, all its extraordinary grants of power to the President revealed, and yet it passed by a large majority in both houses, and became the law of the land.

Should those powers thus legally granted in the democratic way be withdrawn or abridged, because of some remarks made during a political campaign, six months before the measure was passed?

That doesn't seem reasonable.

And yet that is what "T.W.W." really asks.

AS to extension of the year army service, we don't like it and doubt if anyone else does. If we had anything to do about it we would terminate that service as originally agreed, let the draftees go home and then call for volunteers.

But we have nothing to do about it, and it's probably fortunate for the country that we haven't.

For according to the highest military experts, such a procedure would throw a monkey wrench into the entire defense program, and might result in very serious consequences indeed.

So-o-o-o—

What can a poor man do?

As we see it the only thing to do is follow the leadership and recommendation of General Marshall, U. S. chief of staff, whose ability and devotion are unquestioned and who knows more about the exact military situation facing this country than anyone else.

He says we must keep this army of drafted men intact. The President of the country, who is equally well informed, supports him.

Well, as far as this department is concerned, when all the world is on fire, we don't feel disposed to stage a debate on what was said in a political campaign of the past, or what is the precise nature of the contract with the draftees, from a legalistic standpoint.

AS before stated, as conditions change, so do obligations. The first obligation of this country AT THE PRESENT TIME, and an obligation which was legally and morally assumed when the lease-lend measure was passed, is to do EVERYTHING IN THIS COUNTRY'S POWER to defeat Hitler, and see that his conquering legions never reach the shores of the western hemisphere.

When the President of the United States and his army chief-of-staff solemnly declare the occupation of Iceland, and the extension of the one-year training service are necessary TOWARD THIS END; then the only sensible and the only patriotic thing to do, as we see it, is to wholeheartedly follow such leadership.

A Very Big "If"

YES, the democratic way is the only decent way of life, but it has its drawbacks in a critical time like the present.

Take the discussion above, for example.

If we had a totalitarian form of government there would be no discussion. This country would have been in the war long ago, and the war would probably be over by now.

More than that. If we had gone totalitarian when Germany did, probably there would have been no war at all.

For President Roosevelt was one of the few leaders in the world, who from the first saw the danger of the post-war "counter revolution," which first struck in Manchuria and then in Middle Europe.

Had he had the absolute power of a Mussolini or Hitler, he could have started war preparations in 1933 instead of 1939, and telling Japan Italy and Germany where to head in, there would probably have been no Chinese war, certainly no smash into Ethiopia or Poland.

OF course, from a realistic standpoint, this is all rather academic and even foolish.

It is rather like saying in fact that IF we had had no democracy there would now be no serious threat against it.

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.

EASY ON THE PIE

For several years now (writes T. H.) my boss has been feeding me strictly according to your teachings. I have endured it

nobly, in the interest of peace and amity, but now what have you gone and done? My boss is the best pie baker in the neck of the woods. Her cherry pies would break down the morale of even Ol' Doc Brady, who hasn't any use at all for such superfluous carbohydrates. Well, you printed that blast against the delectable carbohydrates about the middle of June and the boss cut it out and framed it neatly and hands it to me when I utter moans of anguish over the sinister scarcity of cherry pie in this once happy home, right in the season too. Have you no compassion at all? Or are you perhaps allergic to pie in any way, shape or manner? (T. H.)

In that very article I said quite frankly that "it pains me more than it does you to mention that most of us take our daily excess of the highly nutritious carbohydrates after we have been filled to repletion by a square meal. We call the over-dose dessert."

Then, lest critics as carping as T. H. pretend to be accuse me of just such bias, I took pains to remind readers that "with increased activity, work, play, exercise, the proportion of carbohydrates material required to maintain normal weight and to yield the energy used in such activity increases. . . and this is the reason why dessert is all right for those who play or work hard. They need more carbohydrate."

These delectable carbohydrates are not only the easiest food to eat even when you are not particularly hungry but, darn it, they pack a heavy charge of calories. Dessert is the course that builds slacker flesh in America.

When it comes to appreciation of sour cherry pie, hot mince, apple pie such as mother used to make, lemon pie or almost any other variety custard and berry pie I defer to no trencherman. Nevertheless we must remember breads, cakes and pastry of every description are chock-full of calories and only one who earns 'em, by active

line was the first taken away and the steamers operated to Latin America from the east coast; the Grace line was pulled out of the Pacific coast trade, etc.

Small lines have been milked. The sulphur boats bringing cargo to the pulp mills of Oregon and Washington; the steamers which have handled lumber from Puget sound, Columbia river and Los Angeles have gone or are going. Thousands of people who depend upon shipping—longshoremen, truckmen, warehousemen, ship operators and their office staffs—are feeling the pinch as the maritime commission gouges deeper into the coastal and intercoastal steamers. With thousands threatened with loss of jobs or diminished income, Senator McNary is striving to save as much of the Pacific coast fleet as possible, and doing it alone.

CALIFORNIA is being crippled, for practically every vessel on the coast or offshore has made some harbor in California a port of call. California senators are doing nothing. Junior Senator Downey (elected by the ham-and-eggers) is more concerned in a government pension for the elder citizens than in preserving an industry which would contribute toward the pension. The tragic ship situation is passed up by Downey. Senator Hiram Johnson, once a fire brand in the senate, has slowed down. Washington's Homer T. Bone is occupied with Columbia valley legislation, and his colleague, Mon Wallgren has been away during these trying times and is reportedly studying a highway to Alaska. Senator Rufus Holman is at his Oregon home. Not one of the other senators from Pacific coast states is giving a helping hand although the shipping industry in both California and Washington is greatly in excess of the operations out of the Columbia river.

THERE is growing resistance to the proposal of Chief of Staff Marshall that the federalized national guard be kept in service for the duration and sent anywhere in the world. Congressional delegations of the Pacific northwest, and this means Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, insist that the guard

be sent home at the end of their year (September) as promised by the president and the war department when they were mobilized.

After the guardsmen have been returned to their homes, then if they wish to enlist, and have an understanding of what the enlistment means—for the duration and service anywhere—they can sign on, but they will do so without any misunderstanding and with their eyes open. This should apply, also, to the draftees. As a majority of the members of the national guard are more than 26 years old (new minimum for selective service) there would probably be few who would join up for indefinite soldiering in the federal forces.

THE national highway users conference figures that Oregon will receive \$1,647,906 for improvements on the strategic highway network. This is about \$8,000,000 short of the sum necessary to remove the bottleneck in U. S. 99 between Grants Pass and Eugene. The bill carries \$25,000,000 to reimburse states for roads damaged by the army. Oregon might receive a small slice of this.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Vitamins in Foods

Can you please repeat the name of the government pamphlet which tells the amount of the different vitamins in ordinary foods.—C. R.

Answer—U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Miscellaneous Publication No. 275, Vitamin Content of Foods. For a copy send to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., fifteen cents. At the same time you had better engage a Philadelphia lawyer to give you half his time for a month to interpret the cabalistic language of the report. I have pored over it for many weary hours and got for my pains only what might pass for head-ache if I had a head. The most intelligible and reliable information on the vitamin content of common foods is given in Prof. Borodick's book on "Vitamins", published in 1940 by the Viking Press.

Altitude

Will living at higher altitude raise the blood pressure? (Mrs. A. Y.)

Answer—As a rule there is slight lowering of blood pressure at higher altitude.

Maternity

I am nearly 34 years old, have two children 15 and 16. Would it be dangerous for me to have another child? (Mrs. L. E. S.)

Answer—No. Send ten cents coin and stamped envelope bearing your address for booklet "Preparing for Motherhood." Include ten cents additional if you want also "The Brady Baby Book." (Protected by John F. Dill Co.)

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