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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

As an active combatant in the European strife Italy continues to lead the life of Signor Riley-etti, and more serene than if at peace. British planes fly far and high, but none for weeks and weeks, have happened over Italy with a load of dynamite, and dropped some upon vital spots, of which these must be some. There prevails a languid indifference towards doing anything about it. In the meantime Italy is only an innocent bystander, at least only a bystander.

"Mrs. Hannah Gabriel who is ill is not so well." (Jamestown (N.Y.) News)—So sorry!

The Governor reports efforts of the city of Hermiston in eastern Oregon is hard put to get federal funds for its overcrowded schools due to "bureaucratic red-tape" at Washington. Thus goes another tradition, and president the "little red schoolhouse" as song, story, and speeches becomes the red-taped one.

The Senate probers reports there is no shortage of gasoline as alleged by Oil Czar Ickes, and his office is guilty of spreading "undue alarm." It is recommended the present restrictions of petroleum products be lifted. This is fine, but not a mythical howdy-do!

YE ED. FLARES UP

(Dahlonega (Ga.) Nugget)

"There is a certain party in Dahlonega who is in business and too 'dog gone' stingy to take the Nugget, but if they see anyone with it, they'll run them down and jerk it out of their hands to see if their name is in it. Such parties are a great help to a town."

Jack Creaquer of the phone company is the bouncing father of a proud daughter, who has his number, and will be saying "Hello," in say, 14 months.

A move has been launched to get the pedestrian his rights while crossing the street. The pedestrian will have to look more like a determined switch-engine to get them, than in the past.

OKLAHOMA

"Oklahoma is a queer, wild state. In civilization it lags about a dozen or 20 years back of the United States, enjoying some kind of rugged, pioneer age where he-men and she-women think in primitive terms and act accordingly. Oklahoma has not yet heard of civil liberties. The state has not yet come under the Bill of Rights. Free speech means nothing there. The right of assemblage is a jumble of meaningless words to Oklahoma. Down there right is right and wrong is wrong and a man who is wrong deserves to be banged at the crossroads. Why should a man who has no more sense than to be wrong deserve a trial by jury?—Emporia (Kan.) Gazette."

Lightning Proves Old Adage False

Emporia, Kan., Sept. 12.—(P) Don't tell Catherine Neill lightning never strikes the same place twice.

The first time, a bolt blasted a lamp in the living room where she was reading. She jumped in bed.

A few hours later lightning crashed into the bedroom and tore up another lamp. She wasn't hurt.

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Why Not Declare War?

"Roosevelt wants war. Then why in heck doesn't he quit stalling around and declare it instead of beating around the bush as he did last night!"

This just came over the phone from a "regusted" subscriber, who, from other remarks, he made, we conclude belongs to the radical isolationist bloc. Well, why not?

IN the first place, of course, President Roosevelt can't declare war. That is the job of the congress.

But the President could appear before congress, and ASK for a declaration of war,—if the request were timed and couched properly there is little doubt, it would be granted.

Why doesn't he do that?

WELL, as we see it because he doesn't want any MORE war than he now has.

Or to express it in another way, the corner-stone of the administration's foreign policy at present is to avoid war on two fronts.

And a declaration of war against Germany at this time would put Japan on the spot,—in all likelihood throw a monkey wrench into the vital appeasement proceedings now going on in the Pacific.

The reason being that Japan is pledged to enter the war as an ally of the axis, when and if, the United States becomes involved in it.

JAPAN, of course, could repudiate the tri-partite pact, but there is reason to believe Nippon is more disposed to respect its formal agreements than the other members of the Axis,—which we grant isn't saying much, but is SOMETHING.

At any rate, in the judgment of this department, the chief reason President Roosevelt in his "war speech" last night, was so careful to steer clear of anything that could be interpreted, as a war declaration, against Hitler did not proceed from any aversion to a shooting war with Germany, but to his determination to first secure "peace in his time" in the Pacific.

THAT, as we see it, is the key note of the administration's present foreign policy.

Whether appeasement with Japan will prove any more successful than the Chamberlin appeasement with Hitler at Munich, only time will tell.

But that undoubtedly is the course the American government has decided upon, and it does explain the somewhat puzzling, combination of bellicosity and conciliation, in the President's radio address.

Any Nearer a Break?

DOES this war speech bring this country any nearer a shooting war?

We doubt it.

As we view it, this country for over a year has been as near a shooting war with Germany, as it is possible to get.

The fact hostilities have not actually broken out, has been due not to any restraint on our part, but to restraint on the part of the Third Reich.

FOR over a year the United States has been doing everything in its power, to assist England, and defeat Hitler. Also for over a year the country has been on an out-and-out war basis, for one purpose only to crush the Axis.

If during this period, England had really been in need of troops,—U. S. troops, at least, all that were ready,—would have been sent.

We doubt in fact if in all modern history, a world power has ever had greater justification for declaring war on another world power, than Germany has had, since the U. S. passage of the lease-lend act.

That was really a declaration of war, as far as the determination and declaration of American policy in World War No. 2 is concerned.

No one aware of its declarations and implications doubted it, least of all Der Reichsfuehrer himself.

BUT the plain fact was Hitler didn't want war with the United States. With visions of what happened as a result of U. S. intervention in World War No. 1, that was the one thing he wished to prevent.

And to date he has prevented it.

Does he still feel the same way about it?

THAT is the point, and the ONLY point, to consider, in the question of determining our present proximity to a "shooting" conflict.

As the President well said, it is now entirely up to Germany.

Our own guess is, this speech puts the United States no nearer a shooting war, for one reason, and one reason only,—because Hitler still wishes at all costs, to prevent it.

Will Russia Disappear?

AN unusually heavy mail, this morning. A writer from Eagle Point wants to accept this column's wager regarding Russia, recently repeated at increased odds.

We quote:

"Give me as much as you can of that wager, no matter what the odds. Not only will Stalin get nothing out of this war, but Russia will disappear,—at least European Russia. The 'bear that walks like a man' will go back to the Orient where he belongs, and Hitler despised though he may be will rule from the Volga to the North Sea."

That sounds like one of Walter Winchell's flashes direct from Stork club bar, but it fails to impair this department's sporting resolution.

So we accept the offer, at the present odds of one to 50, with only one proviso:

The decision can not be handed down before January 1st, 1945, and the payment must be in U. S. gold not in marks or yen.

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.

POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS

One misconception widespread among the public and still held by certain physicians and even public health administrators is that disease germs may travel in the air. Whatever our predecessors may have imagined about the epidemics they had in the days of shotgun quarantine against yellow fever,



panic against leprosy and isolated "pest houses" against other diseases, no intelligent physician or health officer today harbors that quaint fancy. Even in the operating room, where in the Listerian era the air was kept constantly filled with a spray of carbolic solution while the operation was under way, no precaution is taken in regard to germs in the air further than the effort to keep down dust. It is this misconception of air-borne infection or the imagined breathing in of germs that float in the air, that keeps alive in benighted communities the sorry rite of fumigating against contagious disease, a rite which in effect is simply a racket.

A mid-western reader makes a pertinent query: This is a question of the health of my family against \$30. Please give me your opinion about the fumigation of a house where no traps have been used in the drains of sink, laundry, bathroom, lavatory or toilet, the drain pipes opening directly into a septic tank. We have been told—

If you're sure you have Ben. brother, please throw him in the septic tank where he belongs. —have been told it would be very dangerous to move into the house without fumigating. The firm that does fumigating looked it over and said it will cost \$30.

We are having the plumbing overhauled and traps put in, but we'd rather spend \$30 for fumigating than perhaps have to spend many times more than that for doctor bills.

I hope neither the racketeers nor the medical politicians who sanction the racket will take it amiss, and who cares if they do, when I assure this reader and all others who may have similar problems, that so far as health and hygiene are concerned it makes no difference whether the drain pipes have traps, and it would be wretched waste of good money to fumigate in any circumstance.

Fumigation by experts is a valuable method of ridding buildings or the holds of ships of rats which may be disease carriers. It is an efficient method of eradicating bedbugs from a room. Fumigation has other practical uses, but by no stretch of reason or scientific knowledge can it be justified as a means of removing disease germs or disease virus from the air or the environment. Incidentally the fumigants chiefly used in public health work—hydrocyanic acid gas and cyanogen, formaldehyde vapor, sulfur dioxide, carbon disulfide, chlorine, etc., although poisonous to vermin, insects, rodents, larvae and other higher forms of life, have little or no germicidal power in the form of vapor in the air.

If I were going to move into the house the reader describes I'd want the place to have an ordinary soap and water house-cleaning, and if necessary walls or woodwork too grossly soiled freshly papered or painted, and then give the house an airing for a day or two, and then I'd move in. I wouldn't mind if the late occupant had a complica-

tion of leprosy, tuberculosis, syphilis, cancer, plague, cholera and the pip as long as the fellow refrained from visiting us too frequently to see how we were doing.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Juniper Berries
What remedial value is there in juniper berries. Are they good for the digestive tract? Which is better, to chew them or make a tea out of them? (Mrs. L. L.)
Answer—No medicinal value, in my judgment. It is an irritant to stomach, kidneys and bladder.
Dangerous Dabbling
I have been taking thyroid extract daily for two years, and my husband thinks it may do harm. (Mrs. F. T. L.)
Answer—Your husband is right. It is dangerous to dabble with such potent medicine unless you are under the observation and advice of a physician.
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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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Japanese dickering for agreement, one incident annoyed the Washington officials. The Bank of England actually began discussions with the Yokohama species bank to circumvent the joint Anglo-American freezing of assets which have effectively frozen trade with that country.

A Japanese spokesman let it be known such a circumvention was being planned, and even that it would be a barter arrangement whereby Britain would initially get about 60,000 pounds sterling of magnesium in return for 15,000 pounds sterling of asbestos and some foodstuffs. And this was being planned while the United States had taken the lead in the freezing trade with Japan to stop Japan from threatening largely British interests in the Orient. It sounded like scuttling.

No protest was made by this government, not even a private one, it is said. Nevertheless, the British got a hint somewhere and dropped the deal suddenly.

Last word heard here was that Australia and South America had been proceeding with some barter arrangements with Japan, but that the rest of the British empire had decided to remain out. Diplomacy has devious ways for promoting self-interest.

THE agriculture department does not look upon its quick reversal of policy as a reversal of policy. The switch of its program from the purpose of scarcity to that of plenty is described officially only as a readjustment. The machinery, they say, was established to provide scarcity when prices are low and plenty when they were high.

But at the same time more pressure for higher and still higher prices in some lines is coming. It has already been decided, by Anglo-American negotiations, that a billion dollars of the new lend-lease money is to be used for British purchase of American foodstuffs. A half billion is still being used out of the first bill for that purpose. Together they represent the greatest commodity purchase ever made.

Commodities to be bought include dairy products, meat, pork, fruit, vegetables, poultry and some tobacco.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Anti-Semitism

Flareup Feared

Small Business

May Get Break

New Deal Policy

Reversal Forced

By John W. Kelly

(Note: During the absence of Mr. Kelly on vacation his daily column will be written by Mr. Paul Dunham, member of our Washington, D. C., staff.)

By Paul Dunham

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—The senate investigation now under way probing into the motion picture industry on the charges that "Hollywood and its environs have made and released numerous movies during the past two years which have instilled hatred and stirred war fever among millions of Americans through this form of propaganda," is just the beginning of a pow-wow that might "blow the lid sky high" on a subject almost everyone wants to keep buried—namely, anti-Semitism.

This prediction is made by some very astute political observers who have been around these parts for years and who are old hands at sizing up senatorial investigations, their final results and reactions in the public mind.

The numerous anti-Semitic organizations and their leaders are watching this investigation very closely. They hope to link up some prominent Jewish names connected with the motion picture industry in the charge of war propaganda. Several of the leaders of these anti organizations have been noticed around Washington during the last week or so, and it's a certainty that they are not here for their health.

If these anti can get such a break it will be just what they want. They figure nothing could add more names to their membership rolls and start the ball rolling toward millions of dues paying disciples than to have the far brush applied to Jewish names by the present senate investigation.

Should the anti get the slimmest limb to hang their coat on, it will not be any trouble for them to persuade some congressman to "sing off" with a rip-snorting anti-Semitic speech. Then the big parade would be on. The Knights of the White Camelia, the Crusaders, the Silver Shirts, the Ku Klux Klan and many others would be off to the races in a big way.

Observers also think heads of the motion picture industry made a mistake when they engaged Wendell Willkie to carry the banner for them. Willkie, who has campaigned the entire United States for "all aid to Britain" and has been charged by the isolationists with trying his best to get the United States into a shooting war, is sure to get some rough treatment from the senators who comprise the committee. All but one are outstanding isolationists and shrewd politicians. They know every angle and all the curves

in connection with senate investigations. From the press box it looks like a wit-matching contest.

Other observers believe Mr. Willkie will pull some of his famous boners, which characterized his presidential campaign when he missed the boat by many hours on several different occasions.

POSSIBLY small business will receive a break from Floyd B. Odum, appointed by executive order as head of the division of contracts, a new subdivision of OPM. Small business everywhere has been receiving the short end of the stick, and Odum's job is to correct this state of affairs. What has been dinned into the ears of the president is that 98.7 percent of all concerns employing less than 200 workers does 65 percent of the nation's business. Under the present distribution of war orders 50 (not 50 percent) big concerns have been given the lion's share.

The division of contract distribution is intended as an answer to the prayer of the small industrialist and business man for a part of the war orders. For a full year now the administration has talked of subcontracting and spreading the work but despite this nothing has been done and the big interests continue to be favored. The consequence is that more than half the industrial machinery of the country is standing idle insofar as defense orders are concerned.

All during the Roosevelt administration there has been a disposition against bigness in business, but in the present instance big business has been favored over the little fellow. Of course, top flight industrialists are in position to handle orders, but the offering of subcontracts is discouraged by these immense corporations.

HOW the government has been forced to right-about face in at least one of its policies because of conditions resulting from the war is illustrated in present efforts to curtail installment buying as a step toward preventing inflation. As long ago as 1934 the federal housing administration actively encouraged easier installment financing terms, insuring 10-year loans with no down payment and low interest rates on household appliances. It is now the policy of the government to make installment buying as difficult as possible, thus repudiating the policy which seven years ago was publicized as benefiting consumers. At that time the aim was to provide an incentive to spending; it is the purpose of the present policy to discourage spending even to the point where wage-workers may be required to invest a part of their earnings as a backlog against the post-war depression.

State starts campaign against overloaded trucks on the Pacific highway.
Heavy frost, with ice freezing on puddles and washpans hits valley, but does no damage.
Cool crisp weather with a high of 72 and a low of 32.5. No damage reported.
Pear shipments from valley pass 500 carloads mark.

Two Industry Deaths
Salem, Sept. 12.—(P)—Two fatalities and 1,127 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ended yesterday.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

September 12, 1931

(It was Saturday)

Mid-weather scorched by final heat wave of summer.

National American Legion to aid in securing work for jobless.

Democrats voice opposition to any federal sales tax.

Edison Marshall, local author, visits city on way home from China and East Indies.

Labor urges legal beer as means to increase employment throughout land.

Snow falls in mountains of state and end forest fire danger.

Mercury jumps to 39 after cool weather of last week. Low 48 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

September 12, 1921

(It was Monday)

Public schools city open with registration of 993.

Attorney Gus Newbury to address C. of C. forum on the "Constitution" on Constitution day, September 17.

England warned if Irish tangle is not settled, war with America looms, by member of parliament.

Mrs. Carl Bowman is injured by fall on floor of new house she was inspecting.

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Jacksonville high school students walk out on strike, in protest to discharge of superintendent.

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DINE and DANCE

AT

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