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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Free French in Africa have presented the President with a full-grown gorilla, captured in the jungles of his native land. The gift has been accepted and will be shipped to Washington. D. C. Naturalists have long clamored for an out-of-the-forest gorilla, "by outstanding him." It is recommended that Secretary of the Interior Ickes be named Administrator of the Department of Gorillas, in charge of starting.

Russia and Great Britain have forced the Shah of Persia to leave his throne. Der Shah possessed strong pro-Nazi sentiments, so he skinned out for the coast with a strong bodyguard, and a large supply of Persian cigarettes. The Persian cigarette was a favorite brand years ago of the valley necktie orchardist set. Their odor was terrific, and often caused a native to remark: "Mister! Your golf pants are on fire!"

ARMY MORALE NOTE
(Coos Bay Times)

"Provisions for the attachment of apron strings to the United States army uniform is not to be found in any book of regulations."—(From a letter).

"A sharp March wind blew across the lower flats most of the week."—(Clear Creek Jottings). What might be called a tardy breeze, if not ahead of time.

The weather the recent summer was unfavorable for all growing vegetation, a federal bureau reports. All but the weeds. They struggled along with the weather, and showed the bay trees how to flourish.

The Axis powers pour bombs from the air on Cairo, and the British threaten to do the same by Rome. An aerial raid upon their queen city would divorce the temperamental Italians from the sweet illusion they are immune from attack, and subject to the tears and terrors of being on the wrong side.

WHY COWHANDS CUSS
(Pendleton East Oregonian)

"Wynn Powers was onto his brute quickly but the hind legs spread out and braced, and then the critter squatted, and nobody knows what kind of things Wynn was thinking. Finally the steer gave in and the time was 35.4."

There is an auto for every 2.5 persons in the state, the secretary of state reports. The 3 person is standing on the corner watching the rest whiz by en route to an accident.

Finland, after announcing a desire for peace, re-announces there is no chance for a lasting one with the Soviet, and will fight on. Last year America was sending Finland guns to shoot Russians, and now is hustling weapons to Russia to shoot Finns. It is not definitely known when the nation will be shipping cannon to Germany to save Europe from Communism, or what other strange fruits the mix-up will bring forth.

FRENCH ESCAPE
London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Five shivering French boys, all just under 20, landed at Eastbourne this morning, soaked and exhausted from an all-night trip across the English channel in a 12-foot canoe to join the Free French forces.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

Does Russia Tell the Truth?

WE are in receipt of a very indignant protest against a recent claim in this column that Russian war reports are the least trustworthy, and British war reports the most.

"On the contrary," declares our enraged correspondent "not only are Russian war reports the most reliable, but for a decade Russia is the only world power that has dared to tell the truth. The fact is, a nation consecrated to the welfare of the masses and that only, has no need to tell lies."

SHADES of the late Leon Trotsky and "Saint" Lenin!

Years ago there was a vaudeville sketch called "Nothing But the Truth."

Every time a member of the cast told a lie—usually a conventional white one,—said prevaricator lost a piece of clothing, until—

Well the leading lady was down to the mid-Victorian equivalent of shorts and bras, when the curtain fell, amid gales of laughter.

It was a very clever sketch, and as true to life now as it was then, for LITERAL truth telling, has not been conspicuous in "mixed society", since the Garden of Eden.

WELL, if Brother Stalin, and his various and sundry press agents, had been subjected to the same sartorial compulsion, we fear the Soviet dictator and his entourage would have long since succumbed to pneumonia.

For true to an old Georgian custom, the "man of steal" they say always sleeps in his underwear, and certainly there would have been less underwear in the Kremlin, than adorns the charter members of that famous California nudist camp, which is none at all.

For proof of this statement, we respectfully refer to any public library which has on its shelves the works of Messrs. Eugene Lyons, Louis Fischer, Jean Valtin or scores of others,—prevarication known as party propaganda, always has been and still is, a most IMPORTANT part of both Fascist and Communist strategy.

AS to authenticity of war reports, however, we grant it is a pretty close race between Moscow and Berlin,—one forging ahead and then the other.

But this much is true,—we believe even our pro-Russian critic will concede as much, to-wit:

Not once, since the first "scorched earth" manifesto by Stalin, has the official Russian press bureau, admitted a serious defeat, acknowledged severe losses of any sort, or even granted the destructive power of the Nazi offensive, or the fighting ability of the German troops.

Day after day only Russian successes have been mentioned, the terrific losses inflicted on the Germans, the increasing weariness and demoralization of Hitler's forces.

Yet during this SAME period—that is since the Stalin manifesto—even Russia DOES admit the loss of territory, greater in extent, than the combined area of Norway, Sweden and Finland.

NOW we submit that just DOESN'T make sense,—the story told by the official Soviet war reports, CAN'T be true, in the face of what the same authority ADMITS.

In modern warfare, particularly between two extremely powerful nations like Germany and Russia, equally well equipped, thousands of square miles CAN'T be overrun by one side, without being the result of substantial victories; nor lost by the other side without just as substantial defeats.

We admit that if the roles were reversed, Hitler might veer as far,—perhaps farther—from the truth. But that, after all, isn't the point.

The point is, whether or not the Russian record for truth-telling, is to date the best or the worst.

We maintain it is the latter, and an analysis of the Russian reports alone, proves it!

Will This War End War?

DURING World War No. I, there was considerable talk about the war to end war.

There has been practically no such talk during this conflict. Perhaps, following the pattern of surprise,—the unexpected always happening,—World War No. II will prove to be the war that DID end all war.

This much is certain.

When the world powers become convinced that war does not, and in the modern world, CAN NOT pay, war, except in the nature of minor local disturbances, will cease.

The sole reason the present war ever started was the conviction, principally in Nazi Germany, that another war WOULD pay,—all Germany needed to do was to prepare secretly enough, and strike boldly enough. With a seven-year advantage, the democracies would either be bluffed out, or crushed.

But now, unless all signs fail, the complete fallacy of that assumption is about to be demonstrated.

If experience IS the best teacher, why might not such an outcome convince all nations that war is as out of date as the stage coach, and should, as a matter of UNIVERSAL self-interest, be scrapped?

At least, as the situation now stands, there is some basis for the hope.

THREE YEARS IN PEN
Roseburg, Ore., Sept. 18.—(AP)—A sentence of three years in the Oregon penitentiary was imposed in circuit court here today upon Doyle Clarke McCann, 17, who pleaded guilty to a charge of armed assault and robbery. McCann was accused of a holdup at the Sandlin general merchandise store in north Drain Sunday night. He was captured after wrecking an automobile allegedly stolen earlier from Fred Hurd, Roseburg canneryman.

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.

NERVE AND BRAIN CELLS NEED OXYGEN

Neurotics, persons who attribute their health or behavior deficiencies to "bad nerves" or "nervous exhaustion," belong in one or the other class. Class A neurotics who are really ill, usually with disturbance or disease of some organ other than brain, spinal cord or nerves, and either too stinky or too ignorant (in the Wiseacre way) to procure competent medical attention and find out what really ails them; or Class B neurotics who use "nerves" as an alibi or means of escape from all the responsibilities, trials and cares of an honest life. Mind, now, I am not calling you one or the other. If you are a neurotic you choose your own class.

In the preceding talk about "nerves" I gave a fairly representative statement of the present medical view of "neurasthenia"—which is vague at best—and suggested to Class A neurotics two common conditions which may cause "abnormal fatigability and exaggerated irritability"—the symptoms so frequently labelled "neurasthenia". These conditions are anoxia, oxygen shortage in the tissues or cells, and avitaminosis, shortage of the vitamins essential for maintaining an adequate fund of reserve power to tide over emergencies and strains.

Bellows, of course, means belly. Belly breathing improves circulation. The essential purpose of circulation is to supply a constant stream of oxygen to the functioning tissue and organ cells, and to carry away the carbon dioxide given off by the cells as a by-product of their functioning. Interrupt this stream of oxygen for a second or two and some of the cells, particularly brain cells and nerve cells may die. Reduce the oxygen supply and the cells are unable to function well. This accounts for the poor memory, poor judgment, unreasonable or odd thinking or behavior of many an invalid. Crowd out most of the oxygen with carbon monoxide and the victim of the gassing may become not only unable to think but irrational and inclined to fight or resist efforts to rescue him.

Nutrition investigators produced "a neurasthenic syndrome" in laboratory animals by depriving them of oxygen.

Lead in Hair Dye
Would there be danger of getting lead poisoning from using a hair dye containing sugar of lead? (G.H.)

Answer—A few cases of chronic lead poisoning have been ascribed to use of lead in hair dye. Personally I'd not hesitate to dye my hair with such dye if necessary to hold my job, for instance I'd keep my hair well oiled, to prevent dry dandruff—it is by inhalation of minute particles of dry dandruff that lead might get into the body.

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approached the boss barber. "When can I get a haircut?" he wanted to know. "I've got to be at a hearing at 9:30." (It was then nearing 9.)

"I'm afraid, suh, you can't make it," the barber told him. He dashed out, obviously worried. He'd had his clothing freshly pressed. He'd had his shoes shined. He'd shaved carefully. But at the last moment it had occurred to him that a fresh haircut would add to his presentability. And he was desperately anxious to make as good an appearance as possible.

He didn't want to prejudice whatever it was he was after by looking run down in any particular.

("Hearing" is a big word back here. There are hearings on this and hearings on that. It is at hearings that the citizen tells the government what he wants to do and why he thinks he should be permitted to do it. Permission from government is growingly important to the transaction of all business. And government is increasingly centering in Washington.)

IN the turbulent early days of our country, the citizens went armed to the county seat. In Dan'l Boone's time, he carried his squirrel rifle. In the old West, he hung a six-shooter to his belt. In the feud country of the Kentucky and Tennessee mountains, he lugged along his repeating rifle. The idea was to be prepared for whatever might arise.

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nation's county seat at Washington STILL GOES ARMED. The only difference is that instead of a squirrel rifle or a Winchester or a six-gun he carries a brief case.

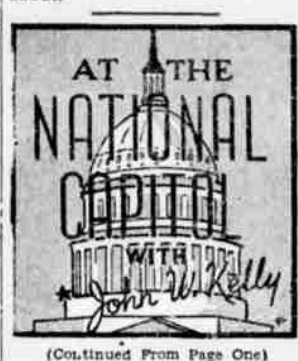
The idea is exactly the same—to be prepared for whatever may arise. For that reason, the brief case usually bulges.

ANYWHERE in the world, you can identify the tourist by his camera and his slightly popped eye and wholly admiring expression. The business visitor to Washington can be identified unerringly and at the first glance by his brief case and his air of worried preoccupation.

AT the beginning of the second week in September, the worst of the hot season is over and the natives (if any) are beginning to talk of the nice fall weather.

But you still go around with a film of perspiration on your person. In the morning you put on a freshly pressed suit, and for a few minutes you fancy yourself as a mirror of fashion. But not for long. In this steamy, humid air your clothes begin to sag almost as soon as you put them on and by the time you get to your hearing or your appointment or wherever it is you are headed for you look as if you'd been sleeping in your clothes for a week.

Your hands are moist perpetually, and you're constantly wanting to wash them. Your brow is moist and you're constantly mopping it. And the temperature at night is only a few degrees under the day. The thought of even a sheet over you is more than you can bear. The climate of Washington isn't anything to write lyrics about.



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have been won. The merchant vessels were mostly like the ugly ducklings now being constructed; slow, clumsy affairs, whose speed made them an easy mark for the U-boats, yet they navigated mine-strewn waters in the best naval traditions. Some of these boats of the other war were armed, although inadequately, and already skippers are asking for the right to carry armament. President Roosevelt says he has no plan to arm the cargo boats, but the betting is that he will change his mind as the war progresses.

Ships from the west coast were sunk—four from Columbia river and Puget sound—and lives were lost. Of others no trace has ever been found of ships or men. Unlike the sailors on naval vessels, the seamen of the American merchant marine received no reward, no pension, and although they fought as valiantly as the troops in the trenches of Flanders or the gobs of the navy they cannot be buried in Arlington cemetery in the national capital, near the tomb of the Unknown Soldier whose identity is known only to God.

MERCHANTMEN shared all the physical discomforts of the navy man. The former had to withstand the storms in boats less seaworthy than a warship and under conditions which required fortitude. Mostly he was helpless when attacked by a submarine and the puny gun mounted on the stern was generally ineffective, but he served it as best he could. After the war there were no parades of merchant sailors marching down

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the avenues, no flags, no cheering throngs. If he was injured, as many were, he was left to lick his wounds alone. The merchant sailor took his medicine and did not complain at his lot or grouch that he went through the same dangers as the navy men, who were regarded as heroes.

TALK here is that the public market building on Front avenue, Portland, may be acquired by the Oregonian and the pioneer paper moved to that location from its old-time site at Sixth avenue and Alder. The market has been in controversy for several years, almost since it was built. It was the first loan that RFC made in Oregon, and RFC contends that the city of Portland should pay back the money. The city thinks otherwise. The Oregonian wishes a new home. Loading circulation trucks on Alder and rolls of newspaper on Sixth avenue is becoming more difficult. If a plan can be worked out, the paper will take the market building, move there and dispose of the old brick building (tower and all) in some manner. Manager of the market building is now in the national capital talking to Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

KLAMATH FALLS wants an army air corps base. Fliers, who go to the lake for duck hunting, say that owing to the elevation they could make a couple of climbing circles and then swoop down on an airplane carrier at sea in almost no time. Thus far the war department is saying nothing, but the airport at Klamath is developing into a very large field, with federal money, and there is hope in the Klamath basin that the wish for an army air base will not be disappointed.

NEEDED DEFENSE ORE ARRIVES AT TACOMA
Tacoma, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The new navy freighter Hercules arrived today from the Philippines with 6,000 tons of manganese and chrome ore for defense purposes.

The shipment was the first unloaded here under a new federal plan making Tacoma a terminal port for ore formerly shipped direct to Baltimore via the Panama canal. The ore will be shipped from here by rail to Maryland.

MISS ELIZABETH GORE is elected president of the senior class of Reed college, Portland.

The first rain since July 25 falls in city and amounts to .08 of an inch.

New booster club to be christened Wednesday night at big ceremony.

Marshal Foch of France sails for visit to America.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company employees of the valley hold annual picnic.

Rain again predicted. High temperature 71.5, low 56.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their sympathy and kindness during our recent bereavement in the loss of our mother, Margaret Elizabeth Hamor. Also for the beautiful flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Glenn L. Barre.

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