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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

It is now revealed John L. Lewis, the bull-headed, bull-necked, bull-headed leader, whose attempt recently to take over the management of the nation was quashed by public opinion, has a brother whose middle name is Alma.

Italian tailors have dealt a severe blow to Britain. By resolution, they declared cuffs on men's trousers are a "waste of perfectly good material that should be used elsewhere," "unsanitary" and "pro-British."

There was a time when local social lions went to show their bringing up, by flicking cigarette ashes into their trousers, often knocking over an ash-tray in the doing.

The rain caused mushrooms to spring up in the dells. Epicureans rushed to pick them for a feast, and so far none were tondstools.

Joseph E. Davies, former U. S. ambassador to Russia, in the American Magazine, explains the Russian purge, that horrible creation a few years ago.

J. Stalin, ex-train robber, was then charged with killing off the brains and heavy thinkers of the Soviet. One who got away was Leon Trotsky, afterwards slain in Mexico. The gens were conniving with Hitler, who bought up politicians and generals, as he did in France, Belgium, Norway and Czechoslovakia, to make conquest easy.

The Reds exterminated Fifth Columnists and other termite life ruthlessly. When the invasion came, the Nazi hordes had nobody to forget to blow up vital bridges, or betray military secrets. Such things tend to increase world respect for Stalin.

INSPIRED MAKE-UP MAN (Klamath Falls News)

"Whether they know it or not, things like that cost the farmer money. We try to treat the hunter right but we like to be treated right also."

A Farmers Wife.

A declaration of war would restore our self-respect and be true to our American traditions—Dr. William J. Schiefel.

The Joe Fliegel boy will appear in an operetta at the Roosevelt school tomorrow night, entitled "Early Bird Gets the Worm."

The young gentleman plays the part of a rooster, and the bird beats him to it.

The government has launched a campaign against waste to salvage essential materials for defense. The housewives will be able to sell it to junk dealers for cash, and are urged not to waste it.

A Seattle, Wash., cat got its tail caught in a washing-machine. Kittle now knows how the world feels, in its present uproarious condition.

HIGHWAY HYMNS

"The motorist with any regard for his future abode" should sing hymns as the speedometer climbs upward, Rev. L. C. Miller said in a safety sermon at Manitou Springs, Colo. He suggested the following hymns at the various speeds: At 25 miles per hour, "I'm But a Stranger Here, Heaven is My Home;" at 45 miles, "Nearer My God to Thee;" at 55 miles, "I'm Nearing the Port and Will Soon Be at Home;" at 65 miles, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There;" and at 75 miles, "Lord, I'm Coming Home."—(Manitou, Colo. Times).

Mayor LaGuardia Wins

So here is another "third-termer,"—Mayor Fiorella La Guardia of New York!

The first reports last night indicated the "Little Flower's" defeat but coming from behind he overtook his opponent, Judge O'Dwyer, and finally passed him with the smallest majority in his municipal campaigns,—but enough.

A very unusual person is Fiorella, with many personal short-comings and irritating faults, but absolutely honest, extremely energetic and quite fearless.

WHICH means his victory was a victory for good government, which would not have been the case had his rival won, and Tammany Hall had returned to power.

We don't know how much punishment the Tammany tiger can absorb before it ceases to be a dominant power in New York, but this blow in spite of the valiant efforts of such potent stalwarts as Jim Farley and Governor Lehman certainly makes it a very sick cat!

If it marks the beginning of the end, it is good news for decent government not only in greater Manhattan but throughout the state of New York.

Eggs a la Halifax

It may seem something of a far cry from the La Guardia victory to the tomato-omelette attack on Lord Halifax in Detroit.

Yet there is a certain connection. The strongest opposition to La Guardia came from the isolationists, British haters and "professional" Irish.

This attack on the British ambassador, before the chancery of Archbishop Mooney proceeded from the same general source, its leadership being largely in the hands of the avowed Coganites.

THE Coganite attack on his Excellency aroused general and deserved public indignation in Detroit.

The victory of La Guardia, with the strongest opposition he has ever faced, was another rebuke to the same destructive and un-American forces.

It has taken many months, and the current is still appallingly sluggish. Slowly but surely, however, public opinion in this country is solidifying behind the allied cause, not only because it is the democratic cause, but it is the cause of what is decent and what is right.

Forget Appeasement

They are holding up the China Clipper two days at Honolulu so a special envoy from Japan, can be rushed to Washington to talk over the acute situation in the Pacific with the Japanese Ambassador here,—and presumably with President Roosevelt.

While the envoy is a former representative of Japan in Berlin it is claimed he is not sympathetic with the Tokio military clique, and his sole mission will be to appease the United States and prevent a break.

OUR guess is he won't get very far,—and he should not. For the only appeasement this country can afford to sanction, would be Japan's prompt agreement to get out of China, Indo-China, and abandon the dreams of Axis conquest in the Pacific.

Anything less would amount not to appeasement for the United States but appeasement for Japan.

And appeasement for Japan, at this late date, would be just as injurious to the allied cause in the Far East, as similar appeasement for Hitler was for the same cause in Europe in 1938!

Let's Be Honest

Here is some excellent counsel from our old time favorite, William Allen White, famous editor of the equally famous Emporia (Kansas) Gazette.

It is a note that has been sounded often in this department but this is the first direct echo we have found to date, in any contemporary, coming to this desk.

We quote:

"This nation is no longer neutral. Two years ago, when the neutrality act was passed, it seemed to intelligent patriotic Americans—millions of them—that we could repeal the embargo act and still be neutral. We repealed it. Events in Europe have moved America. The fall of the Maginot Line, the collapse of France, the invasion of Scandinavia, Dunkirk, the bombing of Britain, the entrance of Russia into the war all have changed from hour to hour, month to month and year to year the attitude of this country to the war. We could not by any possibility remain neutral in the face of these calamities as we were two years ago. Times have changed and we have changed with them."

EVERY time the gauge rose marking Hitler's increasing power, the United States has met that rise by acts which seemed to be self-protection, which seemed to be keeping us out of war. For two years we have succeeded in avoiding belligerency.

BUT we were never morally neutral. We are not neutral. We will not be neutral. Why not cease to be hypocrites? Repeal the neutrality act, keep out of belligerency if we can. Certainly we can keep out of belligerency more surely by presenting a stiff front to Hitler than we can by cringing.

"And as Americans we can at least salvage our self-respect and save our souls by being frank. Why maintain the hypocrisy of neutrality when we are Hitler's deadly enemy and shall be to the end and indeed must if we survive as a free people?"

Maritupol, Sea of Azov port. Spices were so important in changed hands 21 times during the Russian civil war but was finally taken by the Red forces in 1920.

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, 255 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

INVISIBLE SPRAY WILL GET YOU IF YOU DON'T DUCK

Mumps, chickenpox, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping cough, tuberculosis, cerebrospinal meningitis, influenza, simple coryza (head cold to you, ignoramus), simple sore throat, lobar pneumonia, smallpox and infantile paralysis are the most common respiratory infections which presumably infect people spread indiscriminately under cover of the assurance—encouraged by the public health authorities of the land—that the illness or infection is "merely a cold."

Every one of these diseases may and usually does purport to be "a cold" at first, if you are simple enough to accept such a fake diagnosis or vicious enough to infect people who come in contact with you under the assurance that it is nothing serious.

Every one of these respiratory infections is most likely to spread from person to person in the earliest stage of the infection, especially before the victim gives up and calls for medical attention. Therefore there is but one safe course for people who want to avoid such illness—they must keep out of range, spray range, of the (unprintable epithet) who insists on approaching with effective range when he or she has an alleged "cold."

There ought to be a law and there will be at least a moral law some day requiring every person who has an alleged "cold" to wear a suitable mask whenever he or she approaches within effective spray range of other people. In perhaps one case out of 20 this would impose a burden on the victim—for the alleged "cold" is a non-communicable condition in about five per cent of cases—a manifestation of allergy or of nasal polyp or some non-infectious trouble. But the wearing of a suitable mask in the other 19 cases would prevent a great deal of serious and fatal illness which the present sanitary regulations sadly fail to prevent.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Removing Tonsils Again

I am a girl of 19. My tonsils were removed six years ago, but they seem to have grown again. Often have rheumatic pains in legs and get tired easily. Would it be safe to have them removed again, now that infantile paralysis is going around? (R. F.)

Answer—If you have the tonsils treated by a physician skilled in diathermy extirpation. Not by any doctor who may canvass the public for such work. Send a stamped envelope bearing your address and I'll recommend a physician if I know of one in reach of your home.

The Allimentary Canal

If you will be so kind as to give a list of your pamphlets dealing with digestion and disturbances of stomach and bowels, (C. R. D.)

Answer—Pamphlets on "constipation," "Piles," "Hernia," "How to gain weight"—for one send stamped envelope bearing your address. For more than one, inclose ten cents for each three.

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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material. But what are the British doing for Moscow?

The army will gladly go where FDR sends it, to die with its boots on, if necessary, but it is obvious there cannot be an AEF until the armored divisions are more than 40 to 50 per cent equipped.

CAUGHT hopelessly in the switches of governmental labor feuds is Mr. Roosevelt's labor peace dispenser, Sidney Hillman. Nobody loves him.

The CIO gang is gunning for him and his job in its trade publication, claiming he favors the A. F. of L. Unfortunately, the A. F. of L. does not think so and has expressed no confidence toward him. Defense officials, labor department and even the mediation board have been consistently criticizing him sotto voce for what they regard as his mistakes in meddling in their business.

To top it off, Mr. Hillman propounded a government labor policy before a congressional committee in the Courier case, which will grow in unpopularity. He openly assumed the position that the government should withdraw a defense contract if labor threatened disturbance. Under this pronouncement of official fear, labor could rule the government by threats.

Mr. Hillman may have had a better reason for taking away a contract from the low bidder in that case, but he was not frank enough to state it. It may possibly be that some CIO labor politics was involved. Mr. Hillman's job in the administration, at any rate, has become unenviable if not untenable.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS' personal reason for retiring may have been valid, but the Mexican-American political situation might furnish further cause. Mexican President Camacho is disappointed at the failure of his emissaries Suarez and Nafarro to obtain a big loan in the United States, or settle the oil issue. The president's brother Maximino, is telling Mexico

City officials that Suarez will be dropped from his financial post upon his return. Najera is being criticized for sending incomplete or incorrect reports back from Washington. Both emissaries are said at the home office to be in low spirits, but urgently seeking the solution of the oil question, which would save them.

Meanwhile the Camacho and Cardenas elements are nearing a showdown. It is quite possible the Cardenas boys will be dropped from the government, opening the way for a wholly new, fair basis of settlement of the oil problem.

SENATOR Pass-the-Biscuits

O'Daniel from Texas can also pass the publicity. Although he had steadfastly refused to say how he was going to vote on repeal of the neutrality act, he ran away with the headlines by an impossible demand that a vote be taken the day of the last destroyer sinking. Actually the senate leaders had agreed no vote would be taken last week and senators were writing speeches for this week. Senator Tom Connally, the senior Texas senator, in charge of the bill, knew all this—as did all the senate—but he did not try to settle O'Daniel by interposing objections. Connally apparently respects O'Daniel's power in Texas.

TIME OUT FOR EATING

Pueblo, Colo.—(AP)—A skunk, a cat and a dog shared a meal from the same dish recently in the backyard of the Reynolds family's home. It was the dog's dinner, placed in the dish by members of the family who returned later and found him sharing it with the other two animals.

Aids Defense Effort

Chapel Hill, N. C.—(UP) The University of North Carolina has lowered its course credit regulations to allow students to graduate sooner and enlist in the armed forces of the nation. Freshmen and sophomores may take special examinations on required courses before registering for them.

GIVES THANKS

Barlow, Ky.—(AP)—Mrs. J. W. Meshew was surprised when Isom Cross dashed into her home and used her telephone, but she thanked him later. He called the fire department to fight a blaze in the Meshew home.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Proposed Bill

Perils Utilities

Alabama Solon

Is Guiding Hand

Leon Henderson

Knows Answers

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Nov. 5.

—In the hands of the house committee on banking and currency is a bill which, if it gets by, will permit Reconstruction Finance corporation to finance the acquisition of all private utilities in the Pacific northwest, without fiddling along waiting for the Bone bill or the Ickes bill to accomplish this purpose. Once enacted, this measure would be an immediate threat to every utility from California Oregon Power company in southern Oregon to Washington Water Power company at Spokane, Pacific Light, Puget Sound Light & Power, Northwestern Electric, Portland General Electric, Mountain States, and so on to the end of the chapter.

The bill is a slick effort to help the PUDs of the Grand Coulee-Bonneville area and, incidentally, place these power districts under the complete control and domination of Administrator Paul J. Raver, acting for the secretary of the interior. It is an insidious bill for on its face there is no mention of the northwest nor any other specific region, but it was written and planned for the purpose of federalizing all the utilities of the region where the government is now operating two projects on the Columbia river. Unless the "innards" of the bill become known in congress it may, perhaps, pass for it gives more authority to Jesse H. Jones, and Mr. Jones was until the Alcoa contract for aluminum was signed, looked up to in congress and few dared question his judgment or ability.

FROM the 64th session of congress to the present 77th Henry B. Steagall has been kept in congress by his constituents in Alabama until he has arrived at the position of chairman of the committee on banking and currency. Mr. Steagall is a 100 percent new dealer and has received some considerable political patronage from the administration. He was a "natural" to introduce the measure and it was to his committee that the bill was referred—which was also a natural. Who wrote the bill is another matter, but it was handed to him and he is the step-father who has been assigned the job of bringing out a favorable report and shoving it through the house.

Briefly, the Steagall bill proposes an amendment to the RFC act whereby \$150,000,000 could be loaned to any cooperative, corporation, municipality, state or subdivision, or any public agency to "aid in financing the acquisition of any gas or electric utility system," including generating, transmission or distributing facilities. The "gas" is included on general principles, to make the bill appear national, there being only a few gas plants in the northwest, although it would cover the Portland Gas & Coke company.

AND there is the substance of the bill. The Bone bill and the Ickes measure each asks for \$200,000,000 to acquire private utilities. The \$150,000,000 authorized in the amendment to RFC could be increased later, if needed by the Grand Coulee-Bonneville group. Administrator Raver, a delegation of farmers from Seattle, and another representing PUDs in Washington and Oregon have lobbied in the national capital for funds to buy private companies and have been turned down. Mr. Jones rejected their requests. With this proposed amendment to RFC act, however, Mr. Jones could dish out the funds to purchase any plant Dr. Raver or the politicians desire.

There is not a community in Washington or Oregon and not a single customer for power in that area who would not be affected if the Steagall bill wiggles through congress. It is an adroit scheme of the government ownership champions to pave the way to move in with funds provided by RFC, and it has been slipped in by Steagall of Alabama who, ostensibly, is not even thinking of the northwest.

IF Leon Henderson is not made official coiling fixer on everything but wages and farm products it will be because he talked the house committee to death. For more than a month Henderson has been explaining to the committee how prices should be frozen to prevent inflation. He impressed the members as a man who knows all

the answers before the questions are asked, and for this reason he was regarded with suspicion. The White House is insisting that Henderson's program be adopted and the committee is torn between fear of offending the White House and delivering such authority to the economist. Among other reasons, the committee does not like Henderson employing a couple of important "reds" in his organization, as reported by the Dies committee.

TO solve the logged-off land problem of Oregon and Washington, a Chicago citizen proposes importing reindeer from Alaska and placing them on the burned over areas. Ira F. Gabrielson, chief of wildlife bureau, explains, however, that reindeer require lichens for food.

Moderate temperatures and fair weather, with a high of 68 and a low of 40.

Contractors bids on new court house to be opened Monday.

Relief work begins on Jackson county roads.

Medford high school slated to play in Portland December 4, in football game for charity.

Fruitmen protest any budget cut on horticulture.

Gasoline cowboys kill cows along the highways and sell the meat where they can. Drive launched to round up the rustlers. Wave of petty thieving sweeps the valley.

Twenty years ago today

November 5, 1921

(It was Saturday)

Japanese cabinet resigns following assassination of premier.

Bank of Jacksonville cases to conclude present term of court.

Princeton defeats Harvard 10 to 3; Nebraska 10, Pitt 0.

Unsettled with rain; high 64, low 34 degrees.

Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin demands Secretary of Treasury Mellon resign.

More casing for Trigonia oil well shipped from east.

Big business men in Germany try to capture control of government by financing regime.

Trial of Fatty Arbuckle, film comedian, postponed another week.

American Arrested

On Spy Suspicion

Berlin Nov. 5.—(AP)—Arrest by Germans of Steel Powers of Atlanta, Ga., former American ambulance driver on the French front in this war, on a charge of "surpicion of espionage" was disclosed today at the United States embassy.

The embassy has asked the German foreign office for detailed information on the arrest, it was stated.

PREFERS HOME WINE

San Francisco—(AP)—California did "its bit" toward making the American wine industry a success by drinking 19,731,000 gallons of wine last year. It headed the list of states in consumption.

THE other day Hitler claimed the U. S. had attacked Germany. On its face, it sounded like one small boy saying spitefully to another: "You started it."

IT WASN'T that simple. Remember that Germany, Italy and Japan have a treaty (the axis pact) pledging EACH to come to the assistance of the OTHERS in case of an attack on ANY OF THEM by a power not involved in the European or Far Eastern wars (in other words, the U. S.).

Hitler was saying to Japan: "Germany has been attacked by the United States. So MAKE GOOD."

DISPATCHES say signs are multiplying that Japan, although inclined to lean toward the German version rather than the American, will refrain from hasty action.

Japan will want to know first who is going to win.

RUSSIA urges Britain to declare war on Finland, Hungary and Rumania.

The United States warns Finland she must "discontinue promptly her offensive military operations against Russia if she desires the friendship of the United States."

(Reports from London say Britain is hesitating to declare war on Finland mainly because of objections raised by the U. S.)

The warning to the Finns to lay off Russia is intended by Washington to make it clear to Britain there are no such objections.

RECALL Navy Secretary Knox' recent statement that Archangel, on the White sea, is the most feasible route for getting American (likewise British) supplies to hard-pressed Russia. Then look at your map.

You will see that Finland FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH GERMANY increases the German threat against Archangel.

TAKING even the German story for it (the British are not giving out the figures by months) British shipping losses in October were materially less than in September.

Berlin says 441,300 tons were sunk in October, as compared with 683,400 tons in September.

The U. S. navy, you see, is beginning to function.

The man power of the United States marine corps has passed the \$5,000 mark and is heading for an authorized strength of 75,000 by midsummer of 1942.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

November 5, 1931

(It was Thursday)

Japanese guns take heavy toll as new clash with Chinese occurs in northern Manchuria.

Chinese delegate leaves League of Nations when that body fails to take firm action to prevent war.

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