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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

It now appears the friendly

warning of the government re-

questing Finland to cease hos-

tilities against Russia had no

better luck, than a request a

strike in a vital defense plant

at home, be called off, pronto!

Maw Nature is now rectify-

ing its climate mistakes here-

abouts. In exchange for Novem-

ber weather last May, the valley

is now getting May weather

this November.

Mayor La Guardia has been

re-elected to a third term as

Mayor of New York City, and,

thereby looms as a Republican

presidential candidate in 1944.

Even though the Republican

party is a proven glutton for

punishment, the suffering it en-

dures is beginning to lean to-

wards the inhuman.

Visiting notables at Sun Val-

ley, Idaho, used more than 2,500

shells to kill 1,755 jackrabbits,

and establish a world's record

for slaughter, with a shotgun.

An auto speeder with glaring

headlights on a rural road,

could have done no better.

The former ambassador to

Belgium testifies Adolf Hitler is

"a sick man," and suffering

from a malignant disease. What-

ever it is, it's not malignant

enough.

There will be two Thanksgiv-

ings dates this year, the 20th

and 27th. In this state the first

can be used for giving thanks

a threatened special session of

the legislature has been side-

tracked, and the second for the

traditional gnawing of the tur-

key.

PIONEER SMART-ALECKS

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

"Some few hoodlum youths

about town need suppression

with a club. They delight par-

ticularly in breaking out the

windows of Chinese wash-

houses, a proceeding which the

unfortunate Celestials natu-

rally resent. Placing cord-

wood sticks against the door

so that they will fall in when

the door is opened is also a

favorite bad of the hood-

lums."—(30 Yrs. Ago Col.)

The Art Hess boy Billie, will

appear tonight in the Roosevelt

school opera, and has some-

thing to crow about. He is a

bantam rooster.

Numerous signs of winter are

recorded these days in the

press. The best sign around here

is when the males of the hill

areas switch from their BVDs to

the XYZs.

BIRTHDAY KISSES

There isn't much point in

all this, except a certain sig-

nificance in the fact that when

your colleagues begin sending

you singing telegrams, it's a sign

they think you are no longer

likely to take a ball bat and

give them the discipline they

deserve.

There's only one remaining

step. That's when the women

begin kissing you when you

have birthdays. The late Ed

Howe saw through that dodge

in a memorable paragraph. He

said: "When you reach the age

where the women begin kissing

you voluntarily, they aren't

kissing you for fun. They are

kissing you good-bye."—(Ex-

change).

Total exports of all aeronaut-

ical equipment to the British

amounted to more than \$284,

000,000 during first seven

months of 1941, according to

Aeronautical Chamber of Com-

merce.

Time to Quit the Sham

With the Roosevelt administration's policy toward Europe, as far as aid to Britain and defeat of Hitler, are concerned, this newspaper agrees, and has always agreed.

Hitler, in our opinion, not only as head of a super war-machine but as exponent of a diabolical anti-Christian philosophy, is the greatest menace to the civilized world that has arisen since the dawn of the Christian era.

Everything that CAN be done to destroy Hitler and Hitlerism SHOULD be done; and if a U. S. declaration of war would help in that direction, then by all means let us have one!

BUT, while we agree 100% with the AIMS of the Roosevelt administration's foreign policy, we DON'T agree with the METHODS adopted to bring those aims about,—never have, and of late our opposition in this direction, has grown close to the explosion point.

MORE than that, we don't believe any policy, however sound and right in its PURPOSES, can eventually be made effective in this democracy, or any other, which is built upon such a flimsy, false and insincere foundation.

For as Abe Lincoln well said "you can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but not ALL the people ALL the time."

And the day is rapidly approaching,—if it has not already arrived,—when the people of this country will be awakened to the fact that for over a year now, in fact ever since the Democratic convention in Chicago a year ago last July; the Roosevelt administration, as far as the European war, and this country's relation to it are concerned, has been deliberately and (in certain quarters at least) ADMITTEDLY, trying to fool them, as far as the probable consequences of its foreign policy are concerned.

AND that, apparently, is still the administration's intention.

The justification for it, moreover, is the same today, it was when the lease-lend measure was up for consideration, namely:

The rank and file of this country are so strongly opposed to war,—particularly actual combat participation by any U. S. expeditionary force in foreign lands,—that any legislative action ADMITTED TO BE a step toward such a war, could never be passed by congress, for an outraged and determined public opinion would prevent it!

SO-O-O—A policy of subterfuge and deception was adopted and is still being used. The people are told one thing while the government is doing another.

Just as when the lend-lease measure was debated,—it could not be called a step toward war, or even preparation for adequate war defense, but must be called (as it was called by the administration spokesmen in the senate) a necessary step to prevent war, and promote peace!

So, only this week in the U. S. Senate, spokesmen for the government in favor of modification of the neutrality law, solemnly maintained a vote for such action doesn't mean getting this country INTO the European war, but keeping the European war out of this country!

NOW we grant a certain amount of edging along backward like a crab,—an absence of complete candor as far as the public is concerned, may have been necessary a year ago, or even six months ago,—

But we do NOT grant it is necessary, or anything but ignoble and dangerous today.

More than that. We don't believe it is a policy which if persisted in, can avoid such disillusionment and resentment on the part of the American rank and file, that the national unity so essential to waging war successfully, WHEN IT DOES COME,—will be extremely difficult if not impossible to achieve.

IN short this department believes the time has come—in fact is long overdue—when all this hocus pocus and pretense and make-believe should be dropped, and the people be given the facts and told the truth.

Not only because it is better ETHICS, but better and more effective policy.

NEVER fear, the American people won't quail before the truth nor condemn any government that tells them the truth, even though it may mean, not only a declaration of war, but all-out participation beyond American shores.

The national peace feeling may have been overwhelming two years ago,—or even last February when the first war-commitment, the lease-lend bill was passed,—

But it certainly is not overwhelming today. Whatever its exact proportions may or may not be, however, conditions are too serious, actual war involvement too probable, to keep up the peace sham further, or longer treat the people of this democracy as though their government, but NOT they, are fit to be told the truth and to rule!

Utah Lacks Teachers

Salt Lake City, Utah.—(UP)—One of the most acute shortages in Utah, caused by metal production, is not in metal products or equipment, as might be expected under the circumstances. It is in school teachers. Young women previously employed as school teachers have taken more lucrative jobs in defense industries or have married.

BLIND AIR WARDEN

Tunley, Eng.—(UP)—Blind Charley Biggs, 37, is the best A.R.P. warden in the village of Tunley, near Bath, because, as he puts it, he had had 23 years experience of the black-out. He lost his sight in an accident at the age of 14. But he can find his way anywhere without groping.

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.

THREE FACTORS OF BAD HABIT

Most laymen are sap-headed about physiology. Probably the reason why the Wiseacres do not pay particular attention to or exercise themselves unduly about regulation of heart action and lung action is that the medicine and food purveyors do not harangue them constantly on the importance of watching these functions and keeping them active.

Our present knowledge of physiology and pathology, that is, our knowledge of normal function and of disease, warrants the statement that there is no such thing as "auto-intoxication" or poisoning of the system from delayed bowel evacuation or constipation. The worst anyone can suffer from costiveness is discomfort.

Due to the morbid fear of imaginary evil consequences of costiveness or of a few days interval between bowel movements people who have been educated by the nostrum and quackery interests come to believe physis or laxatives essential for maintaining health or preventing illness and under this obsession they are afraid to even try to do without such medicine.

Taking physis, laxatives or cathartics of any description, salts, "vegetable" or "herb" pills, tablets, teas, various kinds of salts, castor oil, mineral oil or what have you, is in my opinion the second factor of the constipation habit. Morbid fear of imaginary consequences of costiveness of course comes first—were it not for this absurd fear people would not bother their heads about physis.

Of course it is not the infant's fear of auto-intoxication or obstruction of the bowel or any such thick coming fancy that starts the infant on the wrong way with the first dose of castor oil or substitute for castor oil. It is the ignorance of grandma, mother or nurse—maybe even the wispy-washy doctor who finds it easier to let people do as they please about such things.

A great many persons who have studied the booklet "The Constipation Habit and Colon Hygiene" (for copy send ten cents and stamped envelope bearing your address) have told me the same story: At first they consider my advice crazy. Later they begin to wonder if it can be quite so bad as it seems at first. Then they re-read parts

of the booklet. Finally they get up sufficient courage to have a go at total abstinence. Some of them hold out a few days and then in panic give up, but eventually they stick it, and when nature resumes control and normal function is restored they write, some of them, in praise of the method and wonder why they have been so dumb as to remain slaves to physis all these years.

No. 1 factor of the constipation habit is morbid fear, fear for which there is no basis in fact. No. 2 factor is interference with the natural automatic regulation of the intestinal function by taking physis. No. 3 factor is nutritional deficiency, notably vitamin B complex deficiency in our modern refined diet.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Toadskin and Dry Sore Eyes
I believe you described a kind of goose-pimples condition of the skin called toadskin or fishskin as due to lack of some vitamin. Also you said dryness of the eyes might be of the same nature. That is exactly my daughter's condition, and will be grateful for any suggestions. (Mrs. C. M.)

Answer—Dryness and goose-pimples appearance of the skin, with roughness like nutmeg grater or an appearance resembling fishscale or toadskin is often due to deficiency in the intake of vitamin A. The same deficiency may account for dryness and chronic irritation of the eyes and poor dark adaptation or night blindness. In any such case it can do no possible harm to try supplementing the daily diet with two or three capsules of natural vitamin A (not carotene)—each capsule containing 25,000 units of natural vitamin A—for a month or two. Of course improvement cannot be expected short of several weeks.

Bed-Wetting
Within a week after we began following the suggestions in your pamphlet our six-year-old son ceased wetting the bed, and in the seven or eight months since the accident has occurred—only two or three times when there was some upset of the routine. The habit had seemed fixed and he seldom missed wetting the bed before we wrote you. (Mrs. R. D. C.)

Answer—Glad to mail pamphlet on management of bed-wetting. Inclose stamped envelope bearing your address.

Facts and Fancies About Food
Why not give us some talks on foods, showing the facts and exposing the fallacies so many of us seem to have in regard to diet and foods? (L. M. W.)

Answer—You will find the gist of many articles on that general subject collected in the 96-page booklet "Feeders Digest"—for copy send 25c and stamped envelope bearing your address. (Copyright 1941, John F. Dille Co.)

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In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

HITLER, declaring the other day that Germany has been "attacked" by the United States, sounded the call for Japan to make good on her part of the axis pact and attack the U. S.

THE reaction is so far a little mixed.

The Jap press, which can talk without committing the nation, adopts a bitter tone and says the "time has come for the final show-down."

Koh Ishii, the government "spokesman," is a little more cautious. He says "Formulation of Japan's attitude on the German declaration that the reich has been attacked by the U. S. awaits official reports. The tripartite pact will be interpreted by the Japanese government with independent judgment."

That is to say, Japan will decide for herself about this attacking business instead of taking Germany's word for it.

TODAY'S dispatches tell us that Far East observers (meaning well-informed people, correspondents, diplomats and such living in China and elsewhere) consider it unlikely that Japan will feel herself bound to declare war on the United States over "incidents" at sea.

This writer, who has never lived in China or Japan, who has no inside information and is merely guessing, has a notion that Japan is vastly more interested in pulling chestnuts out of the fire for HERSELF than in pulling them out for Germany.

THE U. S. treasury, we learned from Washington dispatches

the other day, has in mind another tax bill designed to collect about six billion dollars of "excess purchasing power" from the American people.

That is another way of saying that the government is planning to take from those who have benefited from the war boom the bulk of their benefits so they will not be tempted to spend their new money for things they can get along without.

THROUGH long habit, we have come to think of business, especially big business, as getting all the gravy there may be in the dish. The government, apparently, has other thoughts on that subject at the present moment.

At any rate, today's (Tuesday's) dispatches disclose to us that the treasury is working (working hard, the dispatches say) on a plan for collecting income tax in advance from wage earners by taking so much each week or month from their pay envelopes or salary checks.

IN practice, it will work something like this:

At the beginning of the year, the employer will make a guess as to the net amount of taxes to be paid by each employee. He will then deduct from each paycheck enough to meet this anticipated sum by the end of the year. The amounts so deducted will be turned over to the government.

If the employer has guessed too low, the employee will have to make up the difference at the end of the year. If he has guessed too high, the difference will be refunded to the employee.

It will be merely a new application of installment plan buying—with the employer paying the bookkeeping and collection cost.

A THOUGHT at this point: Many people who don't like to THINK are asking: "Why should the cost of living be going up as it is?"

The answer is that taxes be-

come an unavoidable part of the cost of production and so must be paid in the long run by EVERYBODY who buys ANYTHING.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Western Industry Faces Starvation

Canada Would Recruit Tanks

More Sacrifice Facing People

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Nov. 6.—Here is the experience of a somewhat small business man in the northwest, small as compared with automobile industries, with the present system of disposing of contracts. No names are given for obvious reasons. Since the war clouds began gathering some three years ago, this plant had been advised by the ordinance department that its facilities were to be used for gun mounts. To meet the possible emergency, the management invested \$500,000 in special equipment to fill the prospective order; did not ask RFC for a nickel. It was given educational orders; worked on gadgets for airplanes for the Boeing company until that organization decided it would make the gadgets itself. Finally business dropped to practically nothing. Then the brass hats advised that gun mounts were required; thousands and thousands of them, hundreds for the merchant ships now being constructed in the northwest, and the firm was told to bid. Weeks were devoted to studying costs, and the company submitted a bid which the ordinance department, unofficially, declared was a "honey."

ABOUT this time the washing machine industry began to squawk; it was almost impossible to obtain materials for the washers, and the curtailment on installment buying also affected business; firms were threatening to shut down. The squawk was so loud and vociferous that OPM decided the way to stop it and save the washing machine manufacturers was to give them the contract for the many thousands of gun mounts.

Thus, instead of the northwest employing hundreds of men working on the complicated gun mounts, as was intended by the ordinance department, the contract has been given to eastern concerns. Now the northwest company is squawking, backed up by several senators and a flock of congressmen, and Mr. Odlum, who has charge of such matters, is in a quandary, but philosophically observes that 20,000 industries will be crushed to death before the defense program is completed because they can neither obtain orders nor material for civilian consumption.

IN recent months a determined effort has been made to secure American boys for the Canadian forces. These agents have operated in many parts of Oregon, Idaho and Washington. It is unlawful for a foreign government to solicit recruits in this country, but a way has been found to get around it. The Canadians have a civilian organization which the farm boys are urged to join and learn to fly. The Canadian government refuses to accept any responsibility, officially, for the acts of the private organization, but eventually the Americans are eased into Canadian uniforms. The recruits are offered a \$75 a month job for training and told that a high school education is sufficient; not two years in college as is stipulated by American forces. How many lads have been recruited is not known, but a glance at the weekly papers in the northwest reveals the names of boys who are reported as going to Canada to take up flying.

The son of one Oregon mother was killed in his plane in Canada. He had been informed, his mother states, that in the event of his death she would receive \$75 a month as long as she lives. The Canadian government notified her it had no connection with the private company hiring her son; the private company explained that the boy came under the Canadian compensation law, but as the mother was not destitute the company could not pay her a cent. The case has been submitted to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, with a request to investigate.

TO increase the present schedule of production for national defense will require additional sacrifices on the part of the people. Articles which long have been regarded as necessities will disappear and "ersatz" substitutes will take their place; small businesses will shut up shop. Civilian requirements take a back seat when there is a war, and as this is a mechanized war

it will dip deeper and deeper into metals.

Up to the present time no one had more than a general idea of what is needed from the "arsenal of democracy," but SPAB has assembled the information, nation by nation, and this confidential report, together with recommendations for full speed ahead, is about ready for the consideration of President Roosevelt. He already has been advised of some of the high lights, but the complete picture will be prodigious.

SPAB wants to accomplish in two years what had been planned for four. Even the army brass hats are astounded as they glimpse the program of this war board headed by Vice President Henry A. Wallace. As one member summed up: "We must lick Hitler or lick his boots."

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

three factions of Indiana Republicans have been scrambling for top positions against Willkie domination in his natal state, and the interventionist issue