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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

An eastern Oregon country correspondent reports, "wolves are riding on the running boards of many 1942 autos in this locality." Anybody who has attempted to step on a running board that isn't there, realizes this is a neat trick by the wolf.

A portion of the press doubts the recent visit of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to this country accomplished anything. It did too. It caused editorial cussing of Britain's diffidence about invading Germany, to be diverted to the royal tourists, with 58 trunks and three dogs.

THE CORRECT SIZE-UP

(Oregonian)

"To the Editor: Last presidential election my relatives voted for Roosevelt, I for Wilkie. It seems we unanimously elected John L. Lewis. So sorry! Excuse it, please."
—(From a letter.)

The headline, "German U-boats Operate Near Newfoundland," caused Fletch Fish, the boom-tanor of Phoenix to unleash this pun: "They're going to the dogs!"

A lady professor in a magazine article predicts "women will rule the world by 2025." They might do as bad, but they can't do any worse, than the men.

In the Portland area raspberries are ripening on a vacant lot. At the same time, the acting mayor of the metropolis discusses with his aides, the problem of snow removal, if and when it is needed.

"A practical man gets callouses on his palms. Theorists grow them elsewhere."—(Dr. Frank Crane). For instance the elbows, from resting on the table.

Europe hears II Duce, Mussolini has been shot at and missed, which Rome denies. The idea, it is generally agreed, has considerable merit, even if the execution was faulty.

A New York state candidate in an election Tuesday, failed in his own strenuous efforts to defeat himself, and was elected to an office he didn't want. He good-naturedly accepted victory, and it will not be necessary to call out the militia to make him assume office and accept the duties and pay thereof. There should be more of this, as the technique may not work the next time.

Editorial fretting prevails over what to do with Germany after the victory, now on its way, and the throbbing thought is that it must not be a "vindictive peace." The world has never been able to get along with German war lords, so for the future there should be arrangements made at the peace table to get along without them.

PUFF FOR THE PRESS

"Like life, liberty and happiness, I consider newspapers to be among my inalienable rights. If publishers and editors ever try to take them from us, I'm all for drafting them back to their jobs. Through the newspapers I bleed with the Hapsburgs, stutter with King George, love yet wish to spank Lindbergh. Most of all, I like newspapers because they can neither croon nor 'swing.' This alone justifies their existence."—(Olive Barber in Coos Bay Times).

Use Mail Tribune west side.

"Presto-Change-O!"

WELL, well, did the world ever SEE such a war! The entire scene completely changes overnight. Only a week ago things looked pretty dark for Russia. Now they never looked brighter. Small under the taciturn Soviet dictator should decide to make one of his infrequent speeches. Even less wonder that President Roosevelt should decide the moment propitious to hand over a cool billion dollars of hard earned U. S. cash to the Kremlin Janisariat. SAYS Comrade Stalin, on this the 24th anniversary of the red revolution:

"Germany is bleeding to death—facing certain disaster, and will collapse within a year. On all fronts the enemy being held, while our armies are pursuing them in many sectors, heralding to the world the German blitzkrieg has failed. German casualties in the Russian campaign to date are 4,500,000 while the Russian losses are only 350,000 killed, 378,000 missing and 1,020,000 wounded, or a total of only one and three-quarters million, in casualties. Germany in its cruel campaign of terrorism and destruction is isolated and without a friend; Russia still with unlimited resources in manpower and raw materials, is being aided by all the liberty-loving and civilized world!"

Well, as the saying goes, that is "quite a mouthful" even for an oriental potentate and dictator.

Yet allowing for a certain oratorical exuberance, fitting to such an auspicious occasion and such a generous "loan" from "Uncle Shylock", there is factual justification for the major portion of it.

GERMANY admits the effort to take Moscow and Leningrad had failed for this year at least, and that Russian resistance in the south is getting stronger all the time.

Nevertheless this department is not going to take off the editorial chapeaux and give three rousing cheers and a tiger just yet.

For sad experience has demonstrated a war that can change so quickly in ONE direction, can (and has!) changed just as quickly in the OTHER.

So we intend to postpone making the "Volga Boatman" the official victory song for the allies,—well, until Thanksgiving day at least!

But it looks much better,—very muchly!

Is Finland Going to Quit?

THOSE who really wish to know the facts concerning this war should abandon "headline-reading" of the newspapers.

For headlines can never be in any sense a CONDENSATION of the text; and at times may,—no matter how conscientious the headline writer may be—actually misrepresent it.

TODAY'S morning newspapers, for example, headlined the reassuring intelligence that Finland, in answer to the U. S. note of "friendly warning" agrees "to soon stop fighting."

That's good news, of course, from the allied standpoint,—"soon" would seem to mean within the next two or three months, at least.

BUT a careful reading of the news dispatches upon which this banner line is based raises a serious doubt that Finland has made any OFFICIAL reply to the U. S. note, at all.

This Helsinki dispatch at least is only "OFFICIAL" in the sense that it was delivered over the official or government radio.

In fact toward the close of the dispatch one reads the broadcast is based not upon a government bulletin, but an English language broadcast from Helsinki giving extracts from a pamphlet published by the Central Union of Finnish labor organizations, the salient features of which are quoted as follows:

"Finland's war is purely a defensive war and it will come to an end as soon as the threat of renewed attack has been removed and her frontiers have been made secure. Our frontiers can't be finally determined until the coming peace conference."

Giving the most liberal and optimistic interpretation possible to that labor manifesto and it means exactly nothing at all, as far as any official assurance that Finland will cease fighting with Germany against Russia "soon",—or at any time in the near future.

YET we know enough about newspapers and headline writers to realize there was no intention on the part of the latter to misrepresent the facts.

They did the best they could with a censored and rather ambiguous dispatch, from the standpoint of paramount "reader interest."

But the net result, we fear, was to completely misrepresent the case.

HOWEVER there is one real satisfaction in dealing with Finland,—this little democracy is fighting with Germany against Russia and may continue to do so for many months, but she hasn't adopted the German, or the totalitarian, ideology.

Therefore when Finland does reply to the Hull note, this much is certain:

What promises may be made will be carried out. Finland not only pays her debts but she keeps her word. History fails to record a promise yet she has not kept.

Canonsburg, Pa.—(UP)—A new racket is being practiced by roving "roofers" in this area. The roofers travel from home to home, doing jobs, and have their customers sign papers which are purportedly agreements for rebates on the cost of the repairs. The papers have turned out to be promissory notes. Four have been arrested so far.

Santiago, Chile.—(UP)—Authorities here are considering the establishment of penal colonies to relieve Chile's congested prisons, after having consulted with Julian H. Alco, warden of San Quentin prison, California. Recently Minister of Justice Domingo Godoy introduced a bill in the chamber which included a provision for compulsory labor for prison inmates.

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.

QUININE IN PANAMA
I have read your articles for a number of years (writes O.B.P.) and agree with your ideas in most cases, but take exception to your caustic remarks relative to quinine for malaria and yellow fever. (My files fail to reveal the caustic remarks to which O. B. P. alludes, but then, perhaps he has confused something else with my remarks.) I went to Panama in 1905 (continues O. B. P.) and retired in 1936. So I saw men get deaf for weeks at a time with too much quinine but in every case if the quinine was taken soon enough it routed the malaria and yellow fever. I saw men die from malaria because they did not take the quinine until it was too late. Have noticed this new stuff the doctors have been trying in place of quinine in the past ten years or so doesn't work as well as quinine. So for me it will be twenty grains of quinine right off the bat if or when malaria comes on and then send for the doctor. (O. B. P.)

The same mail brought a postcard from Mrs. C. who says the druggist refused to sell her one grain quinine capsules, tablets or pills, which he deems unsuitable for children, and will I please explain. I do wish I knew what caustic remarks O. P. B. found in my column—I'm a great believer in the value of quinine both as a remedy and as a prophylactic and I cannot recall having said anything that might be construed as caustic in reference to quinine.

However, I do not advise any one to take twenty grains of quinine, malaria or no malaria. It would be much better to send for the doctor first, I think, if no doctor is within reach, then I do advise taking quinine if chills and fever come, in a district where malaria occurs, at the rate of twenty grains a day for five to seven days. The daily ration of twenty grains should be divided into two or more doses, not taken in one dose.

I do not understand the peculiar response of the druggist to the customer's request for one-grain quinine capsules, tablets or pills. I'd wager a good deal that this druggist has on his shelves and sells indiscriminately

the basis of the final settlement even though it means giving Lewis complete possession of every steel miner's job.

Even Mr. Roosevelt has exhibited no eagerness to deliver all industry to this control by labor. Strangely, his record seems to contain no spoken word on the subject. It is true he ordered Madam Perkins to help Lewis get the United Mine Workers contract two years ago along that line. His national labor relations act (Sec. 8) says "Union membership may be made a condition of employment." But his national defense mediation board has a surprising record on the subject.

Of ninety-one cases heard by the board so far, forty have involved a serious demand for some form of "a union security shop," which is really a closed shop with several variations. In twenty cases, the closed shop resulted. In ten of these, the board specifically directed a closed shop clause to be put in the contract.

THUS the board is batting 500 on the closed-shop issue to date. Board members are supposed to favor personally the form of complete union leader domination. But they are aware that many of labor's best friends consider such union totalitarianism to be detrimental to the best interest of the worker whose job no longer is his own, when it is thus delivered to the union leader. In the world war, the war labor policy board refused to permit strikes on the closed-shop issue.

The administration probably will daily along with the problem and try to avoid meeting it head on as long as possible.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

a current analysis by a high American military leader. Masked by the pseudonym "Strategicus," this army authority has laid down the bare facts in an article published for the military profession in the Army and Navy Journal (November 1).

The Reds have lost 70 percent of their coal, 60 percent of their iron and 50 percent of their steel capacity in the Ukraine. Cooped up in Leningrad is 18 percent of their manufacturing plants. Threatened or lost around Moscow are 70 percent of her airplane factories.

All in all Russia stands to lose more than two-thirds of her industrial machinery before winter. This cannot permit her to supply a sufficient army to hold out beyond next summer.

She could possibly supply about 100 divisions herself but must get equipment for 75 more from Britain and the United States if she is to hang on. It is practically impossible to expect the allies to equip anything like that number of men (approximately 1,125,000). We have not even yet equipped our own army which is only a little over a million and a half.

The masked "Strategicus" therefore seems to expect Hitler to drive beyond the Urals next spring and complete the defeat of Russia—a prospect which can hardly be avoided.

ONLY time-bomb threatening to sabotage the defense program is the closed-shop issue, lit by John Lewis. The administration, industry and labor all realize it. Inner dealings over the coal strike settlement therefore have been hectic.

Big Steel's Myron Taylor went to the length of offering Lewis a strange-look on the steel factories. This may yet be

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Freight On Steel Pains Government

New Deal Gives Ekwall Brush-off
New Contract Drawn For Alcoa

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Nov. 7.—

Not only the yards in the northwest busily building ships—navy and merchant marine—but a number of government agencies are distressed by the railroad charges for transporting steel to the Pacific coast from the mills of the Pittsburgh area. Freight rates on steel are increasing costs more than the agencies appreciate and they want something done about it. Railroads, up to date, are saying nothing, certainly not offering to make a lower schedule voluntarily.

The largest agencies interested are the federal maritime commission and the navy department. They have placed orders for ships—freighters, destroyers, mine-sweepers, mine-layers, auxiliaries, and for all of these the most important item is steel, of various kinds.

ONE of the White House mysteries is what has happened to the commission promised Judge William A. Ekwall of Portland to fill a vacancy on the customs court in New York. Judge Walter H. Evans caused the vacancy when he resigned several months ago. Senator McNary recommended Judge Ekwall and the department of justice made the usual routine investigation, talked to scores of barristers in Oregon and found a very excellent record, so good that the department advised McNary that the judge would be recommended to the White House.

Next report was that the papers were on the desk of President Roosevelt and that the chief executive would sign them as soon as he worked through the pile of documents in the wicker basket. Then the president went away. He returned, and the Ekwall commission was still in the basket along with a miscellaneous collection of papers all of which require the signature of the president to make them official.

At this writing the president has not yet affixed his signature and there is no telling when he will—if he will. Dozens of other commissions have been issued since the judge received a clearance from the department, among others that of Rep. Charles Leavy of Washington, a confirmed new dealer.

THE northwest has lost another first class "C" type steamer which was to ply between Seattle, the Orient and back to Puget sound by way of Columbia river. American Mail line purchased the ship recently from the maritime commission and christened it China Clipper, but the British wanted it and the commission has transferred it to the British flag. The ship was built on the Atlantic coast and was ready to sail to the northwest and pick up a cargo for the Orient when the shift in ownership was ordered. Richard Reynolds, treasurer of the Democratic national committee who made the largest gift for the third term campaign of Mr. Roosevelt, is heavily interested in the American line, the idea being sold to him by a Portland, also interested.

THE new contract between Jesse H. Jones, head of Reconstruction Finance corporation, and the Aluminum Company of America, now being formulated, will remove some of the "bugs" in the contract signed by these parties two months ago. This is the contract by which Alcoa agreed to build aluminum reduction plants at Tacoma, Spokane and Troutdale for the federal government and to operate the one at Troutdale. It is the contract also which caused such a storm of protest in congress that a new agreement is now being drawn.

Applications for office jobs with the Unemployment Compensation Commission must be filed by Monday, November 10. A new merit register for stenographers, clerks and typewriter operators is to be set up after examinations in nine Oregon cities. Starting pay \$60 to \$120 a month. Promotions under merit system. Information at 23 state employment offices. Board of Examiners, Spaulding Building, Portland.

Meteorological Report

By U. S. WEATHER BUREAU

Forecasts

Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Saturday with light rain in northwest portion by Saturday. Little change in temperature. Moderate southeast winds offcoast.

Extended Forecast

For Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and northern California for the period beginning 4:30 p. m. today to 4:30 p. m. November 11: occasional moderate rain in extreme northwest first of period and spreading over other sections about first of week. Temperatures will be lower in California about Sunday but somewhat above normal in other sections.

Local Data

Temperature a year ago today:

57; Lowest 42.

Total monthly precipitation, 35 inches. Excess for the month, 46 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1941, 3.29 inches. Excess for the season, 1.16 inches.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 55%; 4:30 a. m. today, 57%.

Tomorrow Sunrise, 6:31 a. m.; Sunset, 4:58 p. m.

Observations Taken at 4:30 a. m.

120 Meridian Time.

CITY—

Boise.....57 36 .00 Clear

Boston.....53 49 .53 Rain

Chicago.....44 33 .59 Snow

Denver.....39 31 .37 Cloudy

Eureka.....62 51 .00 Clear

Havre.....32 19 .00 Cloudy

Los Angeles.....89 64 .00 Clear

Medford.....68 42 .00 P.Cldy

New York.....62 57 .92 Cloudy

Omaha.....34 28 .01 Snow

Phoenix.....87 45 .00 Clear

Portland.....64 48 .00 Cloudy

Reno.....60 32 .00 Clear

Rosburg.....65 49 .00 Cloudy

Salt Lake.....36 30 .00 Clear

San Francisco.....75 56 .00 Clear

Seattle.....56 45 .00 Cloudy

Spokane.....48 30 .00 Cloudy

Washington, D.C. 68 52 .04 Cloudy

Yakima.....61 40 .00 P.Cldy

TWO FATALITIES

Salem, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Two fatalities and 862 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ended yesterday.

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

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 7, 1931

(It was Saturday)

Medford school budget increase \$26,736 over last year.

Trojans maul Stanford 19 to 0; OSC beats Montana by the same score, and California downs Washington 13 to 0 in coast football games.

Occasional rains predicted for coming week.

Espee to give special rates to Oregon-Oregon State homecoming game next Saturday.

Sheriff dumps 191 gallons of moonshine into Bear creek.

Probable rain forecast; high 52, low 32 degrees.

Three billion dollars urged for jobless employment on roads.

Twenty years ago today

November 7, 1921

(It was Monday)

Six killed and eight wounded in Kentucky election.

Merchants ask 30 minute parking limit.

Blizzard sweeps the Middle West with mercury at freezing point.

Revised tax bill is passed by senate.

Hogs drop 40 cents on the Chicago market.

Fair and cool; high 64, low 29.5 degrees.

Italian battleship Libya at San Francisco, runs into prohibition law.

Doris Brophy and Beth Farlow are junior girls honor students at the high school.

In England, the cost of living rose approximately 28 per cent between the outbreak of war in September, 1939, and July 1, 1941, according to the Ministry of Labor.

LOW COST ROUND TRIP
Winter Rail Fares EAST

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Take your wife from her hum-drum everyday life some week end soon. Give her a short vacation at your favorite hotel in the city. Let her enjoy breakfast in bed and all the other thrilling services only a hotel can offer. Let her enjoy the cosmopolitan atmosphere of a hotel dining room. And dance while she dines—the entire evening if she likes. She'll find life at the city hotel fascinating—the kind of adventure that sends her home refreshed.

ASSOCIATED HOTELS OF THE WEST

A HOTEL IS THE PLACE TO GO

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