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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Come Thursday it will be Thanksgiving day. Thanks should be given the mess the world is in no worse, though how it could be, few if any know.

Col. TouVelle of Jville hired a boy to clean the leaves off his lawn Thursday, but a fresh breeze beat the lad to it.

Apple cider is on tap in some of the rural areas, and violates the late Volstead act, it is said.

E. Ulrich, W. Dinkens, and Dewey Hill of Prospect attended the 6-man game at Jville Tues. and wished they hadn't.

F. Luy, the Antelope dude farmer, reports he has been plowing all week. It's his story and he sticks to same.

One of the Older Girls felt so good Fri. she fretted all day fearing it would not last.

A copious rain came the end of the week, after several new car drivers had washed them against their better judgment.

A large percent of the alumni of Old Oregon and OSC, have to go to Portland next week on business, and if they get through in time will take in the football game between their alma maters on the 29th inst.

A number of the more original sports writers have already started calling it, the annual civil war.

Boy bicyclists have started riding with both hands off the handle-bars, successfully scaring the dickens out of both motorists and pedestrians. Nothing serious has happened yet.

The local masses are fed-up and put-out no end about the strike situation in defense plants of the land, and think it is high time to halt the tomfoolery.

Turkey shoots are the order of the day among the trigger-men, and are very popular with all concerned, not counting the turkeys.

Ed Kelly of Portland was here the first of the week. He won't say yes, and he won't say no, about running for congress on the democratic ticket in the spring, from this region.

The Armistice day parade was the best and longest and biggest that ever marched down the Main Stem, and marched back again. Also the bands played more, and the marchers marched with more gusto than ever before.

The B. Tornado blowed for the last time this season at home Fri. night, taking Salem apart in the fog. Ashland bit the dust at Astoria valiantly.

About 35,000 inventions and suggestions pertaining to national defense have been received by the National Inventors Council, department of commerce.

The United Kingdom produces from 50,000 to 55,000 pianos annually during normal peace times, according to department of commerce.

The Hindu population of Calcutta increased from 800,000 to 1,500,000 in ten years and the Moslems from 300,000 to 500,000, according to census figures.

The first enclosed cabin airplane was built in 1912 by Bleriot, and was flown by Legagneux.

Does F. D. R. Defy John L.?

Better late than never!

For the first time in his three administrations President Roosevelt on Friday, took direct issue with organized labor,—at least the radical portion thereof.

Said the President to the United Mine Workers:

"I tell you frankly that the government of the United States will not order, nor will congress pass, legislation ordering a so-called 'closed shop.'"

The aim of the C.I.O. branch,—and a very formidable branch—of organized labor is to secure just that, the closed shop.

They regard the present critical period, moreover, as the psychological time to get it.

SO the issue is joined. Either John L. Lewis will have to back down or the President will.

And we are quite certain it won't be the latter. For if the President weren't convinced he would have the people of the country solidly behind him, on any challenge of this sort, he would never have abandoned his policy of always playing in with, or at least never directly opposing, powerful labor groups.

And as usual on political problems, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is entirely right.

SO unless all signs fail John L. Lewis is in for a beating this time. Of course he will never admit it,—men with jaws and eye-brows like John L.'s never do.

He will probably claim a closed shop never has been labor's aim, and proceed to take what he can get, short of that.

But this will only be a strategic retreat to save face. When the immediate crisis quiets down, John L. and C.I.O. will resume the same offensive, only no doubt in another place.

The die has been cast. The war between John L. and Franklin D. is to the death,—politically at least.

Tough Job in Face-Saving

Speaking of "face-saving" that is Saburo Kurusu's great problem,—and incidentally from the photogenetic angle, he has a face quite worth it.

Yes, how to save Nippon's face,—that is the problem, of Japan's special envoy, who after being up in the air for nearly a week has finally alighted on the steps of the White House.

If the handsome and dapper Saburo can accomplish the task he has set out to accomplish, then he is some plastic surgeon.

For as this department views it,—it just CAN'T be done!

OH Nippon can save her face, if she is willing to pay the price for it.

But the price would come high,—CERTAINLY refusing to quit Germany and probably war with Britain and the United States in the Pacific.

Or she can have peace and lose face, by abandoning the Axis and all her dreams of conquest and hegemony in China and the Near East.

But she can't DO BOTH!

JAPAN can't have face, and have what undoubtedly she desperately needs,—peace in the Pacific.

And she can't have peace, without,—from the oriental point of view,—entirely losing face.

And in the Japanese code, individually at least, that means hari-kari.

IT certainly is a tough spot M. Kurusu has moved in on, and we don't envy his American wife observing his course from among the cherry blossoms and patiently awaiting his return.

For if ever a foreign envoy were between the devil and the deep blue sea, that envoy is the gentleman from Japan.

The one way out (this department can see at least) would be for Mr. Kurusu to agree to terms which WOULD mean loss of face in this country, but NOT mean the same loss,—at least not at once,—in far-off Japan.

That would take great finesse and adroitness,—yes and considerable guile;—but unless we don't know half as much about faces as we think we do, Mr. Saburo Kurusu is quite proficient in all these directions!

Into the Third Year

It was always under the delusion that the end will be achieved swiftly and with a minimum of loss that leaders throw their countries into war. The World War was to have been a punitive expedition of Austrian forces into Serbia to teach the Serbs a lesson and, perhaps, steal a little territory. Instead, it lasted four years and cost 10,000,000 lives.

Japan's invasion of China had a time allowance of six months. But more than four years have passed and Japan, although deep in China, economically bankrupt and burdened down by countless problems, is far from its objective of conquest of the Chinese.

And now the blow at the independence of Poland has broadened out to become another World war, covering Europe, reaching out to the Far East and to Africa, carrying its perils even to the Western Hemisphere and now entering upon its third year.

fensive power that could not be resisted, and that even England would fall.

In fact, even in high quarters there was discussion of the removal of the British fleet and of the government to Canada as the bombings grew more terrible and plans for invasion advanced. In this period of successive disasters and deepening gloom among the friends of democracy everywhere, there was only one gleam of hope. It was found in the spirit of the English people, who were not dismayed.

Since then there has been a consistent, slight but clearly perceptible improvement. It is reflected in Britain's increasing air power, in the resistance of Russia and in the growing restiveness of subjugated nations, whose boldness increases as they seem to detect signs of weaknesses in Hitler's regime of blood and iron.

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 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, 245 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

SPOTTING SPOTTED FEVER

Recently you mentioned Rocky Mountain spotted fever and a vaccine that protects against it.

In New Jersey there have been a few deaths due to bite of a tick infested with Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and the state has issued educational notices about care in avoiding tick bites.

When bitten by a tick a year ago I asked my doctor about vaccine and he said he knew of none. He referred to his medical reference book and found nothing about vaccine. He said he had always understood there was no preventive serum. A few years ago the newspapers told of seven deaths in New Jersey from Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

So I'd like to know more about the vaccine you mentioned, just in case. (J. D. F.)

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is caused by microscopic one-cell protozoa or bacterium-like minute animals called rickettsia (after the pathologist Ricketts who discovered the cause of spotted fever) transmitted by the bite of a tick. The disease is similar to typhus fever though not identical with it; typhus fever is also called spotted fever (a rash like that of Rocky Mountain fever commonly occurs in typhus fever) and typhus is caused by another species of rickettsia transmitted by the bite of rat flea or the louse that infests people crowded together under poor sanitary conditions.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever was first recognized as occurring in the Bitter Root valley in Montana and the Snake river valley in Idaho west of Yellowstone park in the nineties and the cause was found by Drs. Wolbach, Ricketts, Frick and other investigators in 1906. In the past few years it has been shown to be widely dispersed, cases having been found in more than half of the states, on the Atlantic seaboard, in the Mediterranean littoral, around Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Mortality rate varies—in Idaho about five per cent of cases terminated fatally. In the eastern part of the United States about 25 per cent, and in Montana and Brazil the death rate is much higher, 50 per cent or more.

Lighter and Happier

On my 22nd birthday I weighed 175 pounds (54 inches tall), had two fine children three and six, and a husband and was unhappy. I sent for your booklet "Rules for Reducing" followed the advice therein. Now, eight months later, I weigh 135, have two fine children, a loving husband, and am the happiest woman in the world. (Mrs. H. W. K.)

Answer—Thank you. Any adult who is overweight may reduce safely, sanely and with benefit to health by following a physiological regimen. For copy of the booklet "Rules for Reducing" send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address.

Graft in Licensing

Politicians control the State Board and the examinations given qualified physician or dentist who desires to cross the state line to practice forty miles from his present place are a schooling test—a trick by which the politicians keep registration and annual renewal fees rolling into their pockets. (L.J.H., D.D.S.)

Answer—You said it, Doctor. Of course it is graft and nothing else that keeps up the racket of licensing physicians, dentists, etc., not once for all, but separately in each and every little state or province where the grafters hold the reins of government.

Hemorrhoids

Can you advise me what to do for hemorrhoids whom which I suffer a great deal? (M. W. S.)

Answer—Send a stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "It Is Stupid to Suffer From Piles." Copyright 1941, John F. Dille Co.

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aircraft weapons. For months classes have been conducted, teaching navy sailors the technique and as rapidly as one class "graduates" another is started. These gun crews are familiar with their weapons before they set foot on a vessel and have been instructed in all kinds of weather.

With wages in war industries steadily mounting, it has been difficult for the navy to find the men it needs. Wages for crews on the "ugly ducklings" and C type of freighter will be attractive, with insurance, special bonuses and other inducements to sign up for vessels entering the war zone—which means everything but a coaster.

WHATEVER the people may have thought about arming merchant vessels, there was no doubt in the minds of naval officers. For several months the admirals have had ordinance works revamping old guns and rushing anti-aircraft equipment.

While congress was debating the issue the navy was going ahead with the plans and breaking in gun crews to handle the weapons.

The officers had been assured long ago that it was safe to proceed and be ready to install the guns without delay when the bill had been enacted. No one said anything of American merchant ships clearing for the war zone last month while the armament question was in con-

trovery. These vessels were ready for business when they left port, the guns being draped with canvas. Members of congress who knew these things were tight lipped.

SECRETARY of the treasury is preparing to have employers check off 15 percent of each worker's pay and turn it over to the government so that each worker will have an accumulated fund with which to pay income taxes. The new tax bill, which is calculated to raise three and a half billion dollars, in addition to 9.4 billions the government was collecting before the new tax, and the treasury is planning additional new taxes which will raise still another five to six billion dollars.

The treasury realizes that the average wage-earner can not shuck out \$100 or \$200 on the day taxes are due, and that one way of assuring payment is to tap the worker's wage at the source—at the payroll.

Secretary Morgenthau explains that by a check-off system, plus increased employment and social security taxes, the government will mop up a few billion dollars which otherwise would lead to inflation. Having this check-off and higher taxes in view is one reason that the administration does not favor placing a ceiling on wages, the idea being that the higher the wages the larger the chunk that can be taken away, and this money will be used to assist in defraying the cost of the war.

As one congressman expressed it, if the check-off takes a considerable part of the pay check, workers will be striking for more wages. The check-off system is now applied in several industries where every employee is a member of a union. It compels the employer to collect the dues, instead of the union treasurer. Secretary Morgenthau intends taking a leaf from the unions and applying the same principle.

FOR months Britain has been doing relatively little fighting. As (and when) these pincer jaws begin to thrust to the south, this situation will change abruptly.

There will be PLENTY of fighting for the British then.

THERE has been much yelling for the British to open up another front. There have been jokes about ways and means to get Britain into the war.

Go back in your memory some two years to the time when the wise guys were talking about this being a phoney war. You know NOW it wasn't a phoney.

You will know before the winter is over that the British are fighting.

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 16, 1931

(It was Monday)

Crescent City is swept by big fire Sunday morning.

Oregon and Oregon State battle to scoreless tie on muddy

THE American people say little, accepting the vote as another step along the road leading to war and realizing that in view of all that has gone before it is a step that can no longer be avoided.

THE aircraft carrier Ark Royal, one of the British navy's newest and best, is sunk by a torpedo (presumed to be Italian) somewhere in the Mediterranean east of Gibraltar.

We read the other day of the sinking by the British of a convoy of axis supply ships along with escorting Italian warships somewhere in the Mediterranean between the Italian and the African coasts.

These blows and counterblows give us a hint of what is happening in the Mediterranean right now. The axis is moving heaven and earth to strengthen its forces in Africa and the British are striving desperately to prevent them from doing so effectively.

WINTER is coming on. As winter tightens its grip on the north, the war will move to the south.

The Germans are assumed to be preparing a pincer movement against Egypt, one jaw reaching down through the Mediterranean and into Italian Libya and the other pushing down through the Caucasus, Iran, Iraq and maybe Turkey) to grip Egypt from the east—after mopping up Russian, Persian and Arabian oil fields.

Hitler hopes to squeeze Egypt between these pincer jaws.

Selection of jury in manslaughter trial of Fatty Arbuckle at San Francisco slow work.

Roy Gardner, escaped mail robber, is captured while trying to rob a train in Arizona. Refuses to shoot mail clerk, who calls upon him to surrender.

Occasional rain predicted. High 51, low 33.5 degrees.

America decides to advocate no cut in airplanes at arms parity.

Thanksgiving turkeys to sell between 35 cents and 40 cents per pound.

Great Britain has about one billion dollars invested in Germany and German-occupied countries, the department of commerce reported.

Trees from which cork is obtained grow only in areas bordering the Mediterranean.

THANKSGIVING!

• We who live in America have so much for which to be thankful. Here we have freedom! Let us face the trying days to come with the courage of the Pilgrims—Let us resolve to guard our precious liberty from all aggression. Let us keep America the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave!"

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A BRAND NEW SERIAL!

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The house of representatives, whose members are elected every two years, votes to amend the neutrality act to permit armed American ships to carry war supplies direct to British and Russian ports.

The vote is 212 for to 194 against—margin enough to enact the amendment into law but not enough to provide any display of enthusiasm.

FOREIGN reactions vary according to the interests of the capital involved.

Berlin is bitter, and declares bluntly that the next few days will show what a dangerous path the American congress has taken. Rome harps on the same string. (When the master speaks, the slave must jump.)

London is jubilant, acclaiming the vote as a step toward "fuller American collaboration in the war." (Meaning actual fighting.)

TOKYO acts as well as talks, the cabinet submitting to the diet (stogie parliament) an extraordinary war fund of 3,000,000,000 yen (about \$840,000,000) and the war office announcing drastic revision of Japan's conscription regulations designed to bring older men and men hitherto rejected for minor physical disabilities into service.

Japan is preparing for trouble.

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