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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Like the village blacksmith,

John L. Lewis, CIO nabob,

a might man is he. A biographer

records he quit school when

seven years old, to go to work

in the coal mines of Pennsylvania.

At 21, he wandered west,

ate three raw beefsteaks for

breakfast, and once knocked

down a mine mule, with a single

blow of his fist. He pounded

the desks in a state legislature

so hard, the desks jumped, and

so did the statesmen to do his

bidding, and pass the labor laws

he sought. In 1933, he was near

the end of his rope, with no

money in the union treasury.

President Roosevelt revived his

ebbing fortunes with the Wagner

act. Now John has been

biting the hand, that patted him

on the back.

"Owing to lack of space and

the rush of editing this issue,

several births and deaths will

be postponed until next week."

—(Memento, III, Progress-Reporter). Power of the press!

The sun feels good many citizens

remarked yes, noon. It's

the same sun that didn't feel

good last August at noontime.

Science has managed to photograph

the flu germ. This is regarded

as about the nearest

trick of the year. From all

accounts the germ looks something

like one of his victims,

on the second day of an attack

on all fronts.

HEARTACHES

(Philadelphia Bulletin)

"Sir: I am a boy in my late

'teens and very much in love

with a girl three years my

junior. Lately we had a fight.

I believe it was my fault, but

she would not listen to reason.

To fix all this up I requested

'You Are My Sunshine' to be

played on an 'all-request program'

for her. She agreed to listen

and she did, but I wish she

hadn't. At the studio they

signed my name to the wrong

song, 'Big Mouth Minnie.' Now

she will not even talk to

me. Please how can I explain

to her?"

THE BIBLE

"Then where do his readers read it,

and why does its number increase

while plain goodness seems to diminish?

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—The present writer has such a reputation for gadding around and about this magnetic spheroid, that the present voyage should be prefaced by a statement of fact: This is the first trip, away from home, since last March, only three months short of being a year—a post-war record. (A real trip we mean.)

And this is to be the first of its kind,—purely business and very brief, not so brief in mileage perhaps but in time.

As often happens this time of year,—it's summer in San Francisco, almost sultry in fact; the ferry trip from the Oakland mole being a pleasant and cooling journey. Adrienne Steward on board—just a year ago we went north with "Adrienne" who was also on a buying trip for the new year at that time, and we were bound for Christmas in New York. She finds it hard to do out what milady will be wearing next year and wonders what ye editor thinks about it. The editor doesn't think about such things,—hasn't for years.

We only hope it won't be slacks,—on the street at least,—nor a beehive hair-do, nor a cockle-burr chapeau, but probably will be, if not worse. In fact while things are uncertain and confused, there is that consoling thought, that they might be a great deal worse. And practically everything else in the world but right here in the U. S. A. they are worse,—definitely so.

The "general" cocks a sparkling eye aloft at a soaring sea gull, and wonders if Japan has declared war and the ferry boat might be torpedoed. If it is he is quite sure he will never come to the surface three times,—in fact not once with those flannel cakes they gave him for breakfast on the diner. The "general" is a very unusual combination, full of speed and also whimsy. They usually don't go together.

Amazing how the California terrain from Davis to Oakland has transformed in less than a year. Buildings going up all over the place and a tremendous ordnance and munition dump under construction near Benicia,—miles and miles of twisting highways, cuts, small gauge railroad tracks, culverts and fills.

Have to say one thing for the S. P., it's mid-Victorian schedule is far more conducive to sight-seeing than air or motor. As usual the engineer finds great difficulty in not getting to his destination before time, the wheels barely going around and around mile after mile.

Near Oakland tremendous construction going on, mostly one-story supply depots for the army. Miles and miles and miles of them, new factories also, and on the San Francisco skyline the steel skeleton of a new skyscraper towers toward the sun. Yes, in this neck of the woods there must be a war boom on.

For years San Francisco papers have been free on this train at Davis, so one might have the latest news with breakfast. But no more, the dining car waiter-steward says. (Rosey please tell Jim to correct this oversight pronto!)

Harriet Hart on the train returning to Katharine Branson school after having turkey with the family over the week-end. We didn't tell HER, for we know how the younger generation hates the old where, but Harriet has suddenly blossomed out into a young lady, and a very comely one. Seems only yesterday she was a little gal in pigtails, but now,—well she was loaded down with the latest movie magazines and one of these days we shall not be surprised to see a snapshot of Harriet H. in them!

When we left Medford, the latest report on the Oregon-Washington game was Oregon 19, Washington 7,—which would have been one of the big upsets of an upsetting season,—but the Chronicle's green sheet shows the Huskies staged a comeback with the final 19 to 16, which however is still an upset as the Huskies were doped to win.

Well this not only boosts U. of O. stock but O. S. C. as well, with the Aggies slaughter of Montana (Ah there Charley, another yellow sheet sure-shot gone!) One of the major sorrows of this trip will be missing that big game at Eugene this coming week end,—what a battle royal that should be for O. S. C.'s first whack at the Rose Bowl!

Probably won't be able to find the result until we get back. Eastern papers pay no more attention to Oregon football than they do to higher education in Mars.

Well another feather in F. D. R.'s cap! According to the latest from Washington John L. Lewis accepts the White House terms for calling off the strike in the soft coal fields. "I do so in the public interest" piously remarks John. Well mebbe so. But there is no doubt of this,—such action is also in the interest of John. One more straw on the camel's back and John might have had nothing left but his eyebrows!

Leaving at 3:40 on the Streamliner so checked our bags at Oakland and walked up Market Street to the Palace in the warm sunshine. What a day, what a city! Dear old San Fran, always glad to see you and even more important San Fran always seems to feel the same way!

R. W. R.

Communications

To the editor:

Your footnote to the communication of L. F. Lozier on State Old Age Pensions would lead one to believe that the old folks are "gettin' sumfin." Truth of the matter is that somehow there does not seem to be even half enough to keep the old folks from actual war; what the authorities do have is divided up as well as they know how and it does not provide enough to even keep them with necessary food or clothing.

It seems that we have the law all right, as you say, but there was no funds earmarked special for this purpose.

The aged are becoming an increasing problem as the proportion of aged to the balance of the population is increasing by leaps and bounds and they are far less self-supporting than formerly.

Those who are opposed to old age pensions today are going to have to give it very definite consideration within the next 20 years.

Respectfully,
Geo. Iverson.

Editorial Comment

360,000 Spenders in Khaki

The army came to Grants Pass for another brief visit Saturday, and gave us another brief taste of what it means to have only a few of the boys in khaki enjoy an hour or two of liberty with us.

100 SWEATERS IN YEAR

Huntington Park, Cal., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Athol Wood has rounded out her first year in the British war relief's local chapter by knitting her 100th sweater. Besides these, Mrs. Wood has knitted a dozen warm scarfs for members of the RAF.

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.

MR. WISEACRE INFORMS US

It is quite apparent (writes Mr. Wiseacre—any one else would say it is apparent, but Mr. Wiseacre makes it more emphatic) that you have no real knowledge of modern science and, in plain language (the language hitherto having been fancy), you do not know what you are talking about. Nervous energy underlies human physical energy, just as the electron underlies and is contained in the atom. Moreover, just as advanced search workers dimly perceive that the electron will be subdivided, so do research workers (probably workers on a lower plane) believe that still other forms of energy underlie nervous energy in the human body, and so on ad infinitum! Thus the mystery of human life! Keep your mind open and realize that the title "M. D." does not mean that you are in possession of (or in plain language have) all known scientific facts. Remember that science has progressed far beyond the routine knowledge of the average doctor of medicine. Your for intelligence, (B. K. L.)

The typical reaction of the Class B neurotic to the unequivocal assertion of the fact, scientific, physiologic, whatever you prefer to call it, that so far as we know at present there is no such thing as "nervous energy" or "nervous exhaustion" or "nerve or nervous weakness" other than ordinary energy such as that used by the muscles when one walks, works or plays.

The balderdash Mr. Wiseacre so glibly utters is the same old line Class B neurotics have always taken and must continue to take if they are to keep up the deception which enables them to practice nervous imposition upon their relatives, friends and associates.

In Mr. Wiseacre's letter there is the characteristic superiority complex, the pretense of higher intellectuality and greater understanding than that of the "ordinary" doctor and a finer or more sensitive organization than that of the common person. All Class B neurotics have this attitude. They cultivate it as a cover for their actual deficiencies or delinquencies.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Sulfanilamide

Recently there was an item, I think in your column, about the ill effect of sulfanilamide on judgment. Please report the gist of it, as our doctor is giving my husband sulfanilamide and he said nothing about the risk. (Mrs. S. C.)

Answer—Physicians usually caution patients taking sulfanilamide to remain at home and at rest while taking the drug and not to drive a car, make an important decision or sign any important paper while taking the drug, as it does impair judgment.

Cholesterol

I do not recall seeing anything about cholesterol in the diet, either in your booklet on "Indigestion" or the one on cardiovascular disease. Please read the article enclosed and give us your opinion. (R. W.)

Answer—The article is a newspaper clipping in which a professor is said to have discovered that cholesterol (a waxy fatty substance) in such foods as egg yolk, meat fats, etc., is the cause of atherosclerosis, the type of hardening of the arteries in old age. In the latest edition of the booklet "So You Have Indigestion" (for copy send ten cents and stamped envelope bearing your address) the use of cholesterol-rich foods in the diet is considered, in reference to gall-stones particularly. Personally, I shall continue to eat eggs, meat fats, etc., and not worry about the effect on my arteries.

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(a mere nothing these days, considering \$50,000,000 is dished out to big business in one chunk), by a Portland enterprise. It has more defense orders than it can handle with present equipment; wants to expand and the government is the place to obtain the money. Progress on the loan is held up until officials decide whether Portland is a distressed area.

ADMIRAL LAND, chairman of maritime commission, says that shipping will be available in a few months to the lumber mills of the northwest. This statement followed the latest diversion of five intercoastal freighters to the Red sea route. The removal of these vessels caused increased hardship to the northwest lumber industry. Head of the emergency fleet corporation, a subsidiary of maritime commission, has informed the lumber industry that he doesn't care whether or not lumber is manufactured, that this is war. He continued that if the lumbermen wanted to ship their product they could use the railroads to Newark, N. J., and then place it on British vessels.

Despite this official assertion that Britain is transporting the lumber and paying for it, an Oregon-owned ship out of Columbia river has been loaded and a check received from the treasury of the United States. The official further declared that when the "ugly ducklings" now being built on Columbia river are ready they will not take a cargo of lumber from the northwest but will sail in ballast to the Atlantic coast and there be loaded for England. After this statement was made to the lumbermen Admiral Land said he would look into the matter and promised plenty of freighters later and would assign vessels to take lumber.

Lumbermen say, however, that they want an equal distribution of space and do not wish to see two or three big operators receiving more than their share. And another thing: the lumbermen inquired why the maritime commission is taking American ships from established runs to carry goods to the British while the British continue to maintain service along their established trade routes.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A GREAT battle is being fought in northern Africa. Its results, as revealed by today's (Monday's) dispatches, are not fully clear, but the British seem to be making progress.

It is too early, however, to jump to conclusions.

IT is a strange battle—more like a naval than a land operation. Great fleets of tanks are maneuvering in the desert, much as fleets of ships maneuver at sea.

This is the point: Results may be SWIFT AND DECISIVE.

You know from your reading how sea battles go. The fighting is unbelievably intense while it lasts. It is all over quickly. One side or the other wins—or losses are so nearly balanced that both withdraw to lick their wounds.

Victory or defeat hangs upon relative destruction of MACHINES.

SO it appears to be with this desert battle in northern Africa. Victory will go to the side with the necessary reserves of tanks to throw in at the decisive moment, after the other fellow has been weakened.

AN interesting sidelight is the fact that General Cunningham, the British commander in Africa, has had NAVAL training, having gone through the British naval staff college after the World war. He is putting to use now the lessons he learned then.

An interesting human sidelight is the fact that the commander of the British land forces in Africa and the admiral of the co-operating British Mediterranean fleet are brothers.

WATCH this battle for ONE PARTICULAR POINT.

If Hitler fails to reinforce his African armies and they are wiped out by the British, it will be a sign that for the first time since the war began he lacks the resources of men and material and transportation to carry through something he has started.

That would be significant.

THIS writer's advice is to jump to no conclusions and do no wishful thinking. Wait and see what happens. It will all come out in time.

TODAY'S dispatches carry two interesting developments.

A. Averill Harriman, U. S. war aid expeditor in a broadcast from London to the British people Sunday night, says: "The U. S. navy is SHOOTING GERMAN—German submarines and aircraft at sea."

The United States is waging a shooting war.

THE other development occurs in South America, where U. S. army forces occupy Dutch Guiana. The announced purpose of the occupation is to protect bauxite (aluminum) deposits. The occupation is made by agreement with neighboring Brazil and the Dutch government in exile in London.

Protection AGAINST WHAT is not indicated in the dispatches.

HITLER seems to be putting everything he has into a desperate effort to destroy the Russians, and is reported to have smashed his way to within 31 miles of Moscow.

It is obvious that he NEEDS A VICTORY in that quarter.

THE Jap situation is said (in Washington) to be looking darker today. Why it is looking darker is not stated.

This writer's guess is that the Japs will start no shooting until the outcome of the battle of Africa and the battle of Russia can be more accurately guessed.

LISBON SHAKES

Lisbon, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Lisbon was shaken by a slight earthquake at 6:20 p. m. (9:30 a. m. PST) today. Many persons rushed into the streets, a number of telephones were put out of order and plaster was shaken from walls and ceilings, but there were no immediate reports of important damage.

There are \$2,071 beauty salons in the United States.

Tahiti is on the side of "Free France."

BOOM CLOSES BANK

Johnsville, Ill. (AP)—Despite an oil boom and loads of money in its vaults, the State bank failed to close. A new oil field usually means good business for every body, but nobody wants to borrow money in Johnsville any more, and the bank had no income to meet its own expenses.

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4-H CLOTHING WINS

VERLE SAUCY, 16, of Salem,

receives the honor of being Oregon's first state winner in the national 4-H clothing achievement contest. Named by State Club Leader H. C. Seymour, the girl will be given an all-expense trip to the 20th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago Nov. 28-Dec. 6.

During six years Verle completed 216 garments, and won on her clothing exhibits in local, county, state, interstate and national contests. She led a girls' club whose demonstration team won in county dress review.

As state winner the girl will compete for one of six \$200 scholarships provided by the educational bureau of the Spool Cotton Company, donor also of her trip. This is the initial year of the contest, which is conducted in cooperation with the extension service.

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 25, 1931.
(It was Wednesday.)

Men sought as slayers of Ashland policeman believed to have held up and robbed a hitchhiker on the Green Springs road.

M. Gandri returns to India to incite non-violent war.

County budget is slashed by ten per cent.

Yule decorations put on Main street by merchants.

Clearing skies and chilly, High 46, low 32 degrees.

First snow of season falls in city and melts fast.

Medford and Ashland to clash here tomorrow in annual Turkey Day game. Much excitement.

Eagle Point Grange minstrel is a howling success, and nets a neat profit.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
November 25, 1911
(It was Friday)

Revised navy aims of Japan told arms conference at Washington, D. C.

Doctor called as defense witness testifies Fatty Arbuckle, film comedian, not to blame for death of Virginia Rappe, actress, during party.

Train service is resumed to eastern Oregon as cold spell ends. First mail from east in week arrived here.

W. R. Coleman is named superintendent of fish screens in state.

Crowd sees bailing of water out of Trigonola oil well, and all enthused by the prospects.

Paris fashion makers decree return of black skirts and corsets.

Famine in Russia widespread and beyond all belief.

Montanans Battle

Gales and Drifts

Helena, Mont., Nov. 25.—(AP) Telephone and telegraph company line crews battled violent winds and heavy snowdrifts on highways in northwestern Montana early today to restore communications to at least eight towns.

One death was attributed to the windstorm. It struck last night and necessitated use of rotary snowplows to free nearly 400 automobiles stalled in drifts of old snow on Highway U. S. 8 between Great Falls and Belt, in central Montana.

TELEPHONE STRIKE
THREAT IS ERASED

New York, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Threat of a telephone strike affecting long-distance communications in 42 states had been erased today by an agreement between the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Federation of Long Lines Telephone Workers, an independent union representing 13,000 workers.

The agreement provided for wage increases totaling \$3,000,000 annually and creation of two boards to make further wage adjustments and study geographic wage differentials.

DEPOSED ARMY LEADER
CRITICIZES WHITEHALL

London, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, World war hero who recently was relieved of command of the "Commando" shock and invasion troops which he had trained, bitterly criticized today "the negative power which controls the war machine in Whitehall."

Making his attack in the house of commons, Sir Roger, who had been called from retirement to train the strategic shock troops, declared that if his men had been allowed to act a year ago they "might have electrified the world and altered the whole course of the war."

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