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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Another discontented California county has joined the secession movement to form a new state, making a total of five. This is not much of a herd, but enough to justify naming their mythical commonwealth, Carnation.

The tumult and the shouting, tearing of hair and gnashing of teeth, and clashing of cymbals over the Oregon-OSC football game Saturday is approaching its crescendo. The victor has a chance to journey to the Rose Bowl. The Webfoot, reports state, are bungled up and battered, and sadly shattered, as if they had been engaged in guerrilla warfare all week, instead of football practice. The Beavers, however, are as trim as a professional wrestler, except for a stray case of the flu, and a tackle with a hurt ankle. (See Berlin and Moscow war bulletins). A school of horrible thought centering in Eugene and Salem holds it would be an atrocity, worse than anything Belgium ever suffered, if Oregon should, and experts think so, defeat OSC and smother their Rose Bowl hopes. They secretly wish there was a way to give the latter a moral victory, and the former the surplus of touchdowns.

Herr Von Ribbentrop, a big bug of the Nazi gang, gave a running talk at a Berlin meeting. As usual, in such cases, the talk had to do all the running.

The Department of Commerce announces it will standardize the length of toothpicks. This momentous move in times of national storm and stress, should speed up defense production, and nail down for good all the social gains.

Old timers report their teeth chattered worse yes, am than in the big snow and freeze of 1889, when they kept it up for three weeks.

THE MUFFLED KNOCK

(Pearla, Ill., Journal)

"Mrs. Lelia R., 600 Howett Street, suffered a shoulder injury last night when she stumbled and fell crossing Cedar and Howett Streets. She was taken to Methodist hospital. The intersection is under repair."

Santa Claus, (the one from the North Pole, not Washington, D. C.), is now officially and formally in our midst. Editors all over the state are wondering where they put Virginia O'Hallahan's letter to the New York Sun, and the reply to her query, "Is There a Santa Claus?"

"People don't realize what lies ahead. The funnies have taught them that the most awful situations turn out all right." (Oakland, Cal., Tribune). You've got something, young man!

Conflicting, confusing, and confounding no end is the war news from Libya. One side or the other, or both, is telling a Fibya.

The First Lady has instituted a move to organize the women of the land into Farmerettes to take the place of hired men, who have fled from the between the plow-handles, and behind the pitchforks, to do their bit in defense plants. There is a possibility a photograph of the First Lady pitching hay, would be no better than the one showing Sen. Taft of Ohio, as a G.O.P. presidential candidate holding a Florida turkey by the neck.

Editorial Correspondence

En Route "City of San Francisco" to Chicago, Nov. 24.—The "City of San Francisco" is a more splendidous train than the "City of Portland", and should be, for there is a small extra charge.

But it makes the same time, so the "extra" is for extra luxury and extra gadgets.—larger diner, observation car in addition to club car, stenographer, hostesses and valets. Rosey would beam with satisfaction if he could see the crowd on board,—no empty space on this voyage.

We will be in Chicago in the morning! Doesn't seem possible, for we only left the "Top of the Mark" at the Mark Hopkins a few hours ago,—or so it seems. But that's the way these modern streamliners, STREAM! It was a glorious day in S. F. and the view from the "Top of the Mark" was worth the price of admission,—had there been any. If you aren't in a hurry they will serve a light luncheon up there,—which we weren't,—so they DID. Very good, too.

Only in S. F. five hours but long enough to realize the old grey mare ain't what she used to be. UNION SQUARE IS GONE! Some months ago we had read the report Union Square was to be made into a huge downtown garage, but it had slipped far back in the subconscious somewhere.

At any rate when we ran into a hole in the ground,—a yawning CAVERN—where the Manila monument, the pansies and daffodils, the benches and the shabby German club used to be, it gave us the shock of a lifetime. They say it will all be put back where it was (with the exception of the German club) and we hope they are right—but we WONDER! It was Sunday of course with no work going on, but the hole looked as though it planned to remain a hole for quite some time!

We were glad of the five hour breathing spell for it gave us a chance for some outdoor exercise,—always a problem on hurried trips of this sort. The "General" proved to be a good scout and slipped into low, for our benefit, not AVERAGING more than 20 miles an hour!

Just entering eastern Wyoming, a thin blanket of snow over everything, but the bare sage brush sticks above it. According to the brakeman the mercury here touched 14 below early this morning.

A fat boy—a drummer—with a pasty face and bright red hair, raises a curtain and expresses delight at seeing snow for the first time in seven years.

Before that there was plenty, for he was attending the University of Minnesota. (It is always interesting, the many people en route who just can't wait to give you their personal histories!)

An army major on board knows all the answers as far as the war in Europe is concerned.

He is not certain but is strongly inclined to BELIEVE the battle for Kiev was one of the decisive battles of this war,—perhaps one of the decisive battles of modern times. He takes an envelope out of his pocket to illustrate,—drawing many diagrams,—rather well drawn too, considering the speed of the train. It seems the Germans started a strong frontal attack, feinted on the left flank, then concentrated the main smash,—airplanes, tanks and heavy artillery—on the right,—piercing the Russian lines, barging through and building forts in the rear of the city. These forts were steadily enlarged and strengthened, by a remarkable supply technique, and finally forced Kiev's surrender.

We could see nothing new in such strategy, except perhaps the fort construction, but the major regarded it as the most masterful military strategy since the days of Hannibal.

Our own idea is there is a lot of hooey and hocus pocus about military science,—the science really, we think, is an extremely simple and primitive one,—nothing ESSENTIALLY new since Cain conked Abel. We may be mistaken,—that is always possible, particularly when a layman enters any professional field. But that is our belief and there we stand, until someone shows us all military tactics and strategy can't be reduced to "getting there fustest with the mostest men."

Having listened for one day to club-car, dining-car, smoking-room conversation we would say the great common denominator conversationally, as far as war is concerned is something like this: "Well, say what you will, you have to hand it to this man Hitler,—he's nobody's fool!"

And with a slight change of emphasis and a qualifying clause perhaps that is the best possible American attitude at the present time.

Hitler IS no fool, and you have to "HAND it to him", and hand it to him QUICKLY, with the time-fuse burning!

Talk about colors! The linen in the dining car, napkins included, is an EGG-YOLK YELLOW, the chairs and carpets, HENNA; the walls a PINKISH-CREAM; and the curtains Crater Lake blue! Add that up and see what it comes to. JOSEPH!

The rivers and creeks along the right-of-way are frozen solid. Too bad G. Roberts isn't here with his skates, so he could fall down and go boom, thus injecting a needed comic note in the cold and dreary atmosphere.

The army major is also as emphatic regarding contentment headaches as Architect Hunt and favors placing them near larger cities only. He also would group some of them experimentally in unsettled areas in the wide open spaces of say Nevada and Wyoming. He believes there should be more emphasis on actual battle practice of an intensive nature and less on routine drill and recreation. Put the lads through hard maneuvers, he advises, then let them go home for a breathing spell, and come back for more intensive and realistic battle work. Sending them back home for these brief vacations would cost something but he thinks the money would be well invested, in better trained armies and far better morale.

The major may have something here. The major was interested to learn army cantonments may,—or may NOT be,—constructed at Medford and Corvallis, Oregon,—the preparations for such an event, under the direction of Coordinator Frank Van Dyke, at Medford, meeting with his ENTHUSIASTIC APPROVAL.

"Where the small communities haven't made such preparations there has been hell to pay!" was the major's final observation.

Beginning to look like snow,—for the first time since we left Medford the sun isn't shining in a clear blue sky.—R.W.R.

FOGS HOLD SHIPS

Portland, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Thick fogs which have hung over the Columbia river between here and Astoria held seven ships at anchor at various locations today. One ship, bound for a foreign port, has been waiting more than 48 hours for a chance to cross the bar at Astoria.

V. M. Molotov, people's commissar of foreign affairs in Russia, began his activity in 1905 as a member of a revolutionary student group in the city of Kazan.

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.

FEAR AND PHYSIC

Were it not for the morbid fear of imaginary evil consequences of costiveness or delayed evacuation few people would bother their heads about "regulation of the bowels." The nostrum mongers have everlastingly pounded into the heads of the physiologically untutored public the idea that "poisons" are absorbed



into the system if the peristaltic action of the intestine is not constantly "aided" by this or that laxative, and since the regular medical profession preserved its well known "dignified silence" on that subject and on every other subject pertaining to personal health, until the past few years, this false teaching has widespread popular acceptance.

Now the simple physiological truth is that it doesn't matter at all, so far as health and well-being may be concerned, whether the intestinal evacuation is delayed a few days at any time—that is, if you are not morbidly minded about it. I stand behind this statement and I challenge any one of standing or authority to controvert it.

Altho ultra-refined diet may be a minor cause of the constipation habit, the main causes are (1) morbid fear of "auto-intoxication" or "poisoning" of the system by absorption of products of by-products of digestion, (2) interference with the natural automatic control of intestinal peristalsis by physic.

Besides ultra-refinement, too complete solubility or digestibility of the food, leaving insufficient residue to maintain normal intestinal digestion, the diet followed by most people today, especially people who cherish wrong notions about the physiology of digestion, and that means nine-tenths of the entire population, generally provides insufficient vitamins, particularly insufficient vitamin B complex to keep the "tone" of the muscle coat of stomach and intestine normal.

Take any number of persons with the physic habit and absolutely deprive them of all physic, or "aids" for a week, and all of them except the cranks would discover they can get along most satisfactorily without the use of laxatives. Or administer to each victim of the physic habit a drug (if there were such a drug) that takes his mind off from his bowels, and within a week he would find that his bowel functions

undertakes to circumvent the senate. The sugar coating may be acceptable to the house; there will be trouble, however, in the senate.

Already the railroad brotherhoods are opposing the St. Lawrence item; it will throw hundreds of railroad employees out of work. The owners of coal mines and the miners themselves are making common cause of protests; the hydro-electric venture will cause great losses to that industry. Railroads of the Pacific northwest and coal miners of Washington state are joining their fellows in the east in fighting the omnibus bill unless the St. Lawrence item is eliminated.

TROUBLE will come in the senate. When the bill is considered there an effort will be made to have that body take up each item separately, and with a vote on each item it is possible that the St. Lawrence waterway, the Florida ship canal and the Tombigbee project (all bitterly fought in the senate in the past) will be defeated. With these three items rejected the omnibus bill, say the senators, will be pretty good and the rest of the measure can be approved.

Unless the St. Lawrence and

THERE is the set-up. Representatives can vote for the St. Lawrence waterway, or be criticized by constituents for opposing a bill which "authorizes" something for home consumption. Congressmen are having the heat turned on them.

This is the finesse used by the president to secure the St. Lawrence plan without submitting it to congress as a treaty. In the latter form it has been rejected, but as a rivers and harbors project the president

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the Florida ship canal are defeated by this strategem the senate realizes that the members who opposed these items last year will look as though they had sold out and been bought for the rivers and harbors projects in their respective states. And they do not relish being placed in that position. There is this further cause of resentment in the senate: all treaties must be approved by the senate (that is constitutional), and the members of the upper house are jealous of their prerogatives.

The senators, also, appear to have a clearer understanding of what St. Lawrence cheap power would do to the northwest power plants at Bonneville and Grand Coulee, and they do not want the future of that region further handicapped; they want new industries to continue their march from the east to the northwest and view with suspicion this proposed competition on the St. Lawrence.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

NOT much news from Libya today (Wednesday)—either not much to report or not much getting through the censorship.

CAIRO says the Germans have rushed up reinforcements to Rezeh (some 10 miles south of Tobruk) and a heavy battle is expected momentarily. The British are reported to have thrown in reserves of tanks.

(Where the German reinforcements are coming from is not stated. Presumably they are reserves already in Africa. There is as yet no indication that Hitler is getting new troops across the Mediterranean.)

BERLIN is optimistic. The story from there is that General Rommel (German commander in Libya) has succeeded in encircling British forces and is getting ready to finish them off.

German military sources in Berlin say the operation can no longer be regarded as a British offensive.

BERLIN is usually optimistic when it talks at all. If things don't look so good for the Germans, Berlin is apt to be silent.

THE situation today confirms the advice so often given in this spot—to jump to no conclusions and wait to see what happens.

The fighting in Africa is REAL fighting, with much depending on its outcome.

THE fighting in Russia is also real fighting—bitter, bloody, determined. Both sides are putting into it everything they have.

On the strength of today's news, the Germans are drawing steadily nearer to Moscow. Moscow says the German losses are terrible.

Losses on both sides are probably terrible.

RIBBENTROP today tells the signers of Hitler's new anti-comintern (anti-communist) pact that Germany already has won her campaign in Russia and the war now lines up only as a fight with Britain and her "trans-Atlantic helpers."

Would you expect him to tell Germany's new stooges that Germany has LOST?

COMPLETE secrecy still surrounds the U. S.-Japan "conversations" in Washington. There are hints that the situation is approaching a crisis. All remaining Americans are urged again to get out of Japan.

Nobody willing to be quoted believes Japan and the United States will really go to war. But nobody KNOWS.

Children playing with powder never expect it to explode. Sometimes it does.

THE White House today quotes U. S. intelligence reports to the effect that the Germans are preparing to DESTROY Belgrade, Yugoslav capital, because the nazis are con-

vinced that Serb guerrillas are using it as a base of operations. Stephen Early, presidential secretary, giving out the report, says Belgrade will be surrounded by German troops and bombarded by land artillery and from the air.

EARLY isn't merely giving out some news that the papers have been unable to get. His announcement is a part of the play and counter-play of world propaganda and is probably designed to sow suspicion of Germany in the countries Hitler has been working on in his new European anti-communist league.

Helps in TB Fight



Edward G. Robinson took time out from his activities in Hollywood to make special motion picture for Christmas Seal Campaign now going on throughout the country.



IN TUNE—Music's in and over the heart of smiling Vicki Lester, a Hollywood film actress who is changing her name back to Dorothy Day. The musical mood is set by a white cotton crocheted sweater.

BLUE LAW ERASED

Albany, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Another of Albany's once-abundant "blue laws" has fallen by the wayside. The city council last night voted to allow billiard parlors and bowling alleys to operate Sundays from 1 p. m. to midnight, easing a Sunday ban placed upon them in 1905.

Applicants for flight training in the U. S. navy or naval reserve who have successfully completed secondary courses of the civilian pilot training courses are, if qualified, admitted for naval flight training at an advanced stage.

The new swimming pool at the United States naval base area, Hawaii, long wanted by the fleet athletic officers, was opened this fall. New recruits assigned to this base may use this fine pool for their inland swimming.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

November 27, 1921

(It was Friday)

Jackson county budget completed and ready for publication.

Espie to run bargain rate excursions to south.

School election to adopt district budget to be held Monday.

Epidemic of heavy colds hits city and valley.

Failure of Empire Trust company hits many local residents.

Silver thaw comes to valley, with snows in the hills.

Gov. Meier to take junket outside of state, to hasten return to complete health.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

November 27, 1921

(It was Sunday)

Italians at Turin stage anti-French riots following speech by premier

Fatty Arbuckle, film funny-man charged with manslaughter, takes stand in own behalf at San Francisco trial.

Marshal Foch of France, on tour of land, made Blackfoot Indian chief at Billings, Mont.

Drivers of horse-drawn vehicles warned they must display lights at night.

Ashland school budget for coming year will be \$83,412.

Rain predicted for coming week.

Use Mail Tribune WANT ads.

23 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

"A PAIR OF GLOVES FOR GLADYS"



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