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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

At Oakland, Cal., last week,
a locomotive whistle, stuck for
an hour, aroused citizens from
sleep, and caused some wild in-
vasion rumors. No doubt scores
of autists rushed down to the
depot, and started tooting their
horns at the disturber.The British have captured the
town of Ed Duda in Libya, an
official communiqué reveals.
They expect to be at Sam Jones
by the middle of the week.The final gloats and crows
over the defeat of the Black
Tornado by The Dalles last Fri-
day, has brought forth the fol-
lowing wall of anguish from the
sister city of Klamath Falls, in
an Evening Herald editorial brief:"Medford, conqueror of Klamath
at football, loses first to Ash-
land and then by a 28 to 0 score to
The Dalles. If local footballers and
their supporters have any screwy
notions that Medford always turns
out an aggregation of unbeatable
they had better look at the Ash-
land and The Dalles scores and
start conditioning their minds to
the facts for 1942. It's an absurdity
that Klamath goes into a game
with Medford with two psycho-
logical strikes against it.—M. E."Maybe, M. E. If the Quar-
terback Club would set aside a
week of prayer for victory, and
write Santa Claus a letter set-
ting forth the civic heart's de-
sire, something might be done
about it.The Nazi hordes in southern
Russia are on the lam, in the
most severe defeat yet inflicted
on Herr Hitler's troops, and
dark days lie ahead for Ger-
many, and rosy ones for the
embattled democracies. World
conquerors fold fast. (See World
War 1 history). This good news
will be mixed with some bad
ere the end of the week. There
might even be a terrifying
speech by a cabinet officer for
the benefit of the people, whose
last good scare was the radio
invasion from Mars.The senate labor committee
has approved a bill providing
for a 30-day "cool-off" period for
labor disputes. Strike leaders
may get a bit chilly in that
period, but public opinion, it is
feared, will have no frost upon
it until after the election.YE ED BACKS UP
(Chiloquin Review)
CORRECTION"Somewhere these Oregon
Staters do not appreciate hav-
ing it said that they have
been attending the University
we can't see why) so with
due apologies to Bob Muskrat
—he is attending Oregon
State College."Marshal Pétain of France,
talked yesterday to Field Mar-
shal Goring, the jolliest mem-
ber of the Berlin hoodlums. The
meeting was of vital impor-
tance and about like Madame
Perkins, secretary of labor, con-
versing with John L. Lewis.HEAVENS TO BETSY!
"Gladys R.—The young man
who, when acting as your es-
cort, lights and smokes a cig-
aret without any apology to
you, deserves to be coolly but
positively cut; and, if you can,
it would be wise, when you bid
him good night, to tell him that
you have never received such
treatment, and that you don't
to put yourself in a position
to have it forced upon you; and
so, for your own sake, you pre-
fer that the acquaintance with
him shall cease."—(50-Yr.-ago
item in Ladies' Home Journal).

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Editorial Correspondence

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28—It is easier to get out of a war department building than to get in. You merely have to return the visitor badge to the desk, get a blue card in return, hand it to the policeman at the door—and depart. We never saw such lightweight policemen as they have at these buildings. General Jackson could knock any two of them over with his one-two punch. Perhaps they are chosen for speed, not heft!

Heard a true story in the hotel breakfast room this morning. At least the narrator swore the experience was his. He comes from Charlottesville and engaged a room at the Willard two weeks in advance. There was some mistake and the reservation was not made. The man made the rounds of the hotels, for two hours after dark with no luck, and finally spent the night with the taxi driver, which made him feel better about his taxi bill which was \$3.70.

Have met various and sundry citizens of Oregon who have been here anywhere from three weeks to three months trying to get this or that accomplished. They are certainly a "regusted" bunch,—threaten to go home every day but usually something comes up at the 11th hour to persuade them to stick it another 24 hours at least.

Red tape, red tape, red tape and inefficiency-plug, sum up the invariable indictment. Good thing they are over draft age,—it wouldn't be too safe to put guns in their hands until they cool off a bit.

Probably there are as many different opinions in the army regarding the war as anywhere else. But the army officers we have seen to date are pretty much concerned about the British campaign in Libya—it doesn't look too good to them, for unless the British win and win quickly they see a loss of prestige in the Moslem world that may well spell catastrophe in Africa and the Near East.

The natives over there, it seems, have no loyalties but flock en masse to the side that is—or they believe will be,—victorious. And nothing but a complete knock-out of the axis powers in Libya will,—we are told,—convince them the allies are to get the best of it.

The weather continues salubrious. Cool in the mornings and evenings, and comfortably warm during the middle of the day. Everyone reports the most attractive fall in Washington for a decade.

We hesitate to indulge in any very definite judgments, after having been in Washington only two days, but as far as the war spirit here is concerned this much is certain,—the division of opinion is even more noticeable, than in other parts of the country. If taxi-cab drivers are any indication of popular sentiment,—and some newspaper men claim they are,—then the rank and file of the national capital are as violently opposed to Hitler and all his works as any of the interventionists, but on the other hand, are just as violently opposed to engaging in the mess in Europe.

As has been previously stated in this column, the great need of the hour is a leadership that will give the people the cold hard facts, and thus make it clear, that it is impossible for this country—or any other—to both have its cake and eat it. In other words, we can't stay out of this war in Europe and also beat Hitler,—we are in the war now, the only question being whether we are going to see it through or quit. To declare this prevailing apathy here is disquieting is to be guilty of extreme understatement.

A large delegation of Brazilians at this hotel enjoying an annual S. A. tour of the states,—the eastern portion thereof. They are all,—or almost all,—young men, and look surprisingly like American college undergraduates, as far as general dress and make-up are concerned,—slacks and sports coats, and tousled hair being the popular sartorial motif. They have a couple of long tables in the dining room, and wander in at all hours of the day, somewhat as if they were on shipboard. We have tried to get some of them to express their opinions, regarding Washington and what they have seen of the states, but the request to date has apparently caused something akin to terror in their youthful breasts. At least each one approached has gaspingly claimed complete ignorance of English,—yet according to the room clerk nearly all of them speak it, some of them fluently. No doubt they have been told to keep their respective mouths shut, as far as expressing their opinions publicly is concerned. And the writer's journalistic approach may be more apparent than he realizes.

"Scrambled" is the only word for Washington streets and the general lay-out,—the most confusing place in the world to one without a guide or guide book. Fortunately taxi fares are cheap,—though since the war they have gone up to a minimum of 30 instead of 20 cents,—and we have yet to find one that can't find an address however remote.

A much needed addition is the new Washington airport,—still under construction,—but sufficiently finished to be used by all the transportation lines. In this balmy weather it is difficult to realize there are snow and ice only a few hundred miles north and west.

Senator Holman isn't here but the rest of the Oregon delegation are.—R. W. R.

Patterson for Strike Curb



Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson clasped his hands tightly as he told a senate judiciary committee at Washington that pending legislation to give the government authority to take over strike-bound defense industries should be approved.

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.

NERVOUS ENERGY EXPLAINED AT LAST

So far as I can learn there is no difference between ordinary physical or muscular energy expended by muscular action and the energy John Doe calls "nervous." (Quoted from article in this column Oct. 29, 1941.) John Doe, who purports to be a research engineer, whatever that may be, now enlightens me as follows: "Assuming that you understand the general physiology of the human nervous system, let's dig down to detail. 'My pencil moves across the paper making writing. This is mechanical motion. Back of this lies muscular motion.' (No point in arguing about it, but frankly I, O' Doc Brady, think mechanical and muscular motion is the same thing.) 'What drives or actuates the muscle or causes it to act? Answer—nervous energy. Where did this nervous energy come from? It was transmitted over the nerves from nerve centers, nerve cells or neurons mostly in the brain. What takes place in the brain? Spiritual energy!'"

And so on for two pages. Then John Doe challenges me to define what I mean by physical energy, and declares that—"Medical science by its program of the mechanization of man is teaching fear, defeatism and the degradation of man!" Being just a plodding, door-to-door doctor, I wouldn't know, but maybe John Doe has solved the mystery of life. John Doe says his comment is occasioned by my article entitled "Reply to Wiseacre—Brady Derides Quotation From Authority On Nervous Exhaustion." I never wrote an article or title like that—it must be more of the office boy's work. Perhaps John Doe is justified in feeling that I need enlightenment if my column is so mischievously mutilated as a regular habit.

Best definition I can give for physical energy is power of doing work (with credit to Elroy M. Avery, Ph. D., LL. D., author of "School Physics," a textbook used in the gay nineties when I was in high school in Canada under a great and inspiring teacher, Wm. M. Bennett.) I have dipped into numerous recent textbooks without finding a more concise or satisfactory definition.

And by the Metals Reserve corporation, neither of these agencies availing themselves of the facilities on Willamette and Columbia rivers. From the water front unemployment spreads out to the teamsters, who suffer from the same causes as the longshoremen.

To save the metal-workers, provide work for the longshoremen and teamsters, ease the strictures on lumber and housing, Senator McNary has been making the rounds of OPM, maritime commission and SPAB, thus far without appreciable result. Maritime commission continues diverting shipping from the Columbia river, but says that some time next year when the shipbuilding program is at its peak and two ships a day are sliding off the ways, there will be freighters which can be used for inter-coastal business and lumber will move out of the river—next year, sometime. The commission established a stockpile in Portland but has discharged only a few tons of ore, and vessels bringing the ore have taken their est of their cargo—wood—to California for unloading. Metals Reserve corporation, a subsidiary of RFC, continues to prefer Puget sound and California.

The ceiling of \$8,000 on dwellings is, apparently, to remain despite the government information that the in-migration is developing a housing situation which includes the area of Portland, Oregon City and Vancouver, Wash. Federal defense housing holds that \$4,000 is enough for a defense housing "unit" and a \$6,000 house is a luxury. It may be explained that there are 13 different housing agencies centered in the national capital, and all are fighting for money. Housing is already a scandal in Washington, D. C., and in a score of cities on the east coast and in California.

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EXPERTS DIFFER
IN ESTIMATE OF
JAPS' AIR FORCE

Most Writers Agree First
Line Plane Strength About
5,000—Need More Pilots

By Devon Francis

New York, Dec. 2.—(Wide World)—Tension in the Pacific has led to a revival of occasional warnings by commentators acquainted with the far east that it would be a mistake to underestimate Japanese air power.

Coupled with such statements, however, are the more familiar appraisals of Japanese aviation, less complimentary and more sanguine of the outcome if the island empire came to grips with another major world power.

No Middle Course

Singularly enough, in all that has been written of Japanese air power in the last four years, no one has taken a middle course. The Japanese have either superlative airplanes and good pilots, or they have obsolescent planes and poor pilots.

Much of the mystery thrown about the Japanese in the air stems from the secrecy with which the army and navy have pursued their developments. The occidental seldom if ever is permitted to glimpse, let alone examine, Japanese-made warplanes.

The western world knows that Japan in four years of fighting has neutralized Chinese air power, but China, of course, had little to begin with.

At the start of the "China incident" Japanese bombers had notoriously poor aim, but that was four years ago and Japan's critics concede that the air force had shown a vast improvement.

Have Fine Pursuit

As for planes, Mark J. Ginsburg, far eastern correspondent of the Washington (D. C.) Post, and a British army officer, H. S. Mazet, wrote in February, 1940, that the Japanese had a twin-engine pursuit plane mounting from six to eight guns and capable of 350 miles an hour.

It had been in service more than a year. Only now is the United States starting the quantity manufacture of a similar type of plane.

Writing in the magazine, "U. S. Air Services," Ginsburg and Mazet asserted Japanese bombers and fighting planes were superior to Soviet planes forming the bulk of the Russian air force in the far east. They described Japan as a major aviation power.

Charles Healy Day, who for several years manufactured planes in China for the Chiang Kai-Shek government, said on his return to the United States two years ago that the workmanship and performance of Japanese planes compared favorably with those of American planes.

Ridiculed By Some

Balanced against such statements are others which frequently poke ridicule at Japanese aviation. Lucien Zacharoff, writing in the magazine "Aviation," in August, said: "Japan would crumble like a house of cards if engaged in a great air war."

The "Army and Navy Journal," edited in Washington, D. C., in 1937, quoted some unnamed American army officers as saying the Japanese had a marked inaptitude for aviation, marked by poor shooting. Lynn C. Thomas in the magazine "Western Flying" for September said the Japanese air force suffered from a "suicide psychosis" which led its pilots deliberately to dive their bomb-laden planes into their targets.

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19 SHOPPING
DAYS LEFTIMPROVEMENT OF
GROWING TIMBER
TRIED OUT HERE

Forest Service Experiment
In Union Creek District
Watched by Entire Service

Timber stand improvement work was underway today on 460 acres of the Rogue River national forest in the Union Creek district, headquarters here announced.

This is the first project of its kind undertaken on this forest and, because of the nature of the stand of timber involved, is an experiment for the entire U. S. forest service, Karl L. Janouch, forest supervisor, stated.

Thinning is the principal method used in stand improvement work, just as small plants in gardens are thinned to aid their growth.

Give Sun Access
"Small sugar and white pine trees are found growing in thick clumps of reproduction of other tree species and brush," Mr. Janouch related. "Sufficient cutting of the other reproduction will be done to provide needed sunlight and soil nutrient to the pine, thus enabling it to grow more rapidly and in better form and in time to crowd out the remaining undergrowth."

"Some trimming of pine also will be done. This consists of pruning the lower limbs from the trees because limbs cause knots and the trimming, while the trees are young, will produce a greater number of valuable logs."

To reduce the danger of destructive fires in the area, old, dead, standing trees, known to lumbermen as "snags," will be cut down. Fire spreads more rapidly where there are snags than where the trees are green. Mr. Janouch pointed out. Similarly, he said, the brush and trees that are cut will be "lopped"—limbs cut off and scattered so that there will not be an accumulation of fire-spreading material on the ground.

Paid By Logger
Pine and fir timber of merchantable size was logged by selective cutting on this area in the past two years. The improvement work now under way being financed through payments required for this purpose of the purchaser at the time of the timber sale. Object of the present improvement project is to secure a future crop of sugar and white pine which is now growing in mixture with fir and other less valuable species, a condition peculiar to certain areas in southern Oregon.

"Without interference," Mr. Janouch said, "the pine would be largely suppressed by the other species. Sugar and white pine trees in this district grow to very large size, one tree often producing 5,000 or more board feet of lumber. These species brought an average market price in 1940 of \$40 a thousand at the mills. In comparison, a fir tree averages only about 1,000 board feet and in 1940 fir brought an average price of about \$25 a thousand."

The 12 men doing the stand improvement work were employed on the forest as guards during the summer. It is expected that the work will take a month to complete.

Heart Attacks Kill
Two on Rabbit Hunt

Mound City, Kas., Dec. 2.—(AP) Charles Besser, 77, and his son-in-law, Ward Rockwell, 54, each died after a heart attack while hunting rabbits yesterday.

The county coroner surmised Besser collapsed first. Rockwell, running for aid, fell 15 feet away.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County
History from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 2, 1931

(It was Wednesday)

Mayor Jimmie Walker of New York City makes eloquent plea for release of Tom Mooney from prison, to Gov. Ralph of California.

Japanese demand Chinese withdrawal from Manchukuo, threatens oriental peace.

Unsettled with rain. High 57, low 51 degrees.

W. A. Gates, chairman of the citizens advisory committee to eye alternate bids for county courthouse building material.

Sen. McNary promises speed in urging Crescent City harbor improvement.

G. A. Andrews, elected master of Bellview Grange.

Large crowd jams business district to see Christmas displays in local stores.

Farm board quiz to be highlight of next congress.

President Hoover maps campaign to procure homes for everybody.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 2, 1921

(It was Friday)

Unveiling of store windows for the opening of the Christmas shopping season tonight.

Ducks plentiful in Klamath county and many hunters get limit in short time.

Farmers in the Prospect area start fall plowing, but are routed by rain.

Prince of Wales to shoot tigers in India jungles.

People urged to mail Christmas packages early to be sure of delivery on time.

Jury in manslaughter trial of Roscoe Arbuckle, film funnyman charged with manslaughter, unable to agree.

Colder and fair. High 47.5, low 24 degrees.

Ye Poets Corner

Words and Thoughts
My dear, you're looking too divine

(The darned stuck-up old hen)
You're getting thinner every day
(Her hair's been dyed again)
That shade of blue becomes you so

(It sure shows up her age)
Where did you get that darling hat?

(She should be in a cage)
I really must be running on
(Of all frumps, she's the worst)
You must come up and visit me
(Not if I see you first)

Carma McCarthy,
Trail, Ore.

On Such a Night
On such a night as this
We rode beneath the moon
Wrapped in furs and blankets,
Sled runners hummed a tune

On such a night as this
We sped down silver hills
Like swallows in swift flight
Laughing at our spills

On such a night as this
With fire-glow on the wall
We sat in flickering shadows
And swore that love was all

On such a night as this
I sigh for you, but then
Recall that since, you've loved
A dozen other men.

Carma McCarthy,
Trail, Oregon.

Contentment
A fire of crackling logs,
My chair in a cosy nook,
On guard my faithful dogs,
Near by a favorite book.

"A Card for Every Friend"



If it were not for friendships, there would be no Christmas cards. All your friends—and relatives, too—are looking forward to a Christmas greeting from you. But, more than this, many of your acquaintances may well become good friends if you make the first gesture of friendship with a Christmas Card.

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