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Y. E. SMUDGE POT

By Arthur Perry

A portion of the Oregon press has been busy since New Year's day peeling the hide off the radio sport expert who announced the OSC-Duke game.

They charge he vocally belittled the Beavers, while whooping it up for the Blue Devils. The things they say are almost as mean as Premier Churchill of Britain when mentioning B. Mussolini of Italy. They hold the broadcaster in the same esteemed contempt. It is not alleged, however, his dereliction is due to being born in southern California, or spending too much time there in his youth.

"There are times now, when one longs for the good old days, when there was nothing to fear but fear." (Scranton (Kan.) Gazette-Record)—And, nothing scared the nation but oratorical mention of "The dark days of 1933."

TRY ANYTHING ONCE
(Ladies Home Journal)

"Keep a supply of your favorite candy on hand to munch on next time you get a fright. For instance, give yourself a piece of candy during the next thunderstorm and eat away at it right after each frightening clasp of thunder. You'll be surprised what a difference it will make in your reactions."

The first Christmas neckties showed up Sunday around male necks, and none looked any newer than a 1942 auto license plate.

Americans in Manila are receiving harsh treatment at the hands of the captors of the city. If this keeps up the Japanese envoys and crews now housed in one of the finest resort hotels in the land, will be ruthlessly moved to a smaller suite on a lower floor and have to cook their own rice.

"HENS VITAL IN EGG PRODUCTION"—(Farm Journal)—And, furthermore, at this work the hens are indispensable.

A Pittsburgh, Pa., professor has collected Partisan coins to prove this year (1942) is 1960, and current calendars 18 years behind. Such being the case, creation is repeating itself and getting ready to fight World War No. 3.

A current series of articles describing the mental and physical capers of Herr Hitler report this paranoiac rant when entering a room filled with fellow gangsters, he does so "in a loping walk." His invincible hordes, however, are getting out of Russia, in a "high trot." The articles are called "Unmasking Hitler," so look out for the happy ending, with the villain thrown into the seventh row of unoccupied seats.

The next event on the taps is Ground Hog day, Feb. 2, and it falls on a Monday. The varmint will come out of his hole and whether or not sees his shadow, it will be a military secret. Any spies caught lurking around the hole to grab the weather data for six weeks will rue it.

The price of sugar went up today. This is one of the few times in history this has happened when the Older Girls were not making strawberry jelly and canning early peaches.

Peoria Bill Gates' vow to walk this year to save tires and 'as is now in full force and effect. We are all going to adjust ourselves to this new condition and cheerfully await his next sep.

A Bit Too Much?

The only man in public life, we can recall, who approaches Prime Minister Churchill in his refreshing, and sometimes brutal frankness, is former Governor Martin, of this state.

It seemed many times during Governor Martin's administration, in fact, that the General took a perverse delight in leading with his chin, just to demonstrate to all and sundry, that he could "take it."

All the political wisecracks deplored such foolhardy verbal indiscretions; but how the General ate it up, and asked for more!—the sheer audacity of the man, gained him friends, while his complete indifference to the immediate political consequences, was so unusual and refreshing, for one in high office, that the net result was to increase rather than decrease, his personal popularity.

At times, however, the General went too far in the gentle art of making enemies.

There is little doubt he would be governor today, had he on one or two important occasions, not insisted upon being impolitic to the point of kicking eight or ten thousand votes out into the street.

But when it was realized all such indiscretions, proceeded not from perversity or ill-temper, but from the intensity of Governor Martin's devotion to the welfare of the state, and all the people in it, even this heresy from the standpoint of the orthodox politician became, from a cumulative standpoint, an asset. The only trouble was a majority of the people never realized the truth of this,—until it was too late.

SO we wonder about Prime Minister Churchill.

One of his outstanding virtues, as a statesman and war leader, is his frankness, his complete honesty, his uncompromising refusal to play politics or use weasel words at such a critical time as this.

Mr. Churchill faces the FACTS! From the first he has faced them, and he will continue to face them regardless of the immediate consequences, as far as the timid, the faltering and the defeatists are concerned.

MOREOVER he will have no traffic with those who lack the stamina to do likewise.

He knows, just as every other clear-visioned and clear-thinking statesman knows, that this war will be won in the realm of the TRUTH,—not in the realm of make-believe, sugar-coated propaganda or pretense. This war is therefore no place for an individual or a nation, that can't stand the truth, and the sooner such leaders are weeded out of the allied picture, the better for all concerned.

And the Prime Minister is dead right.

BUT we wonder if his zeal in this direction, is not carrying him a bit too far, when (according to John Kelly, our Washington correspondent), he terms the war situation in Washington a "mess", a radical housecleaning and shake-up being a crying need, with the final responsibility placed on the shoulders of ONE MAN,—tell him, says the British leader, to deliver the goods, and if he fails,—KICK HIM OUT!

This is nothing new,—expect the "kick him out!" In fact at least half a dozen Washington commentators have, from time to time, advocated similar executive reorganization, while the Republican minority, some time ago, charged the chief executive with serious delinquencies in the direction of defense administration and any real progress toward bringing order out of chaos.

Nor can one deny that in thus "speaking out in meeting", the motives of the "man from 10 Downing Street", are of the best,—his devotion to the allied cause and his insistence upon placing victory above all personal or political considerations, forming the sole basis of his criticism.

NEVERTHELESS coming from the high representative of a foreign power, while he is an honored guest of the administration, he thus takes to task, DOES raise the question,—as in the case of former Governor Martin,—as to both the propriety and the REAL political wisdom of such "fearlessness."

Might not the British Prime Minister have been wise to have kept such criticisms of American policy to himself, for the time being or if he considered the matter urgent, have conveyed them unofficially and personally, rather than put them thus boldly on the public record?

AS was true with Governor Martin one hesitates to criticize such uncompromising devotion to the public weal, such complete honesty and rugged fearlessness, yet,—

There is such a thing as being TOO indifferent to the political factor in concerns of public interest, national or international.

For when all is said and done, public opinion,—what the people in the mass feel and think,—is more important than anything else. There is no question of the validity of Mr. Churchill's criticism. No recent visitor to war-torn Washington could question that.

But there is, we fear, considerable question as to its political expediency,—as to what the people of the country as a whole, will think and feel about such criticism coming from this particular source, and under the conditions which today exist.

BRITISH BOYS AGED 17 TO REGISTER FOR ARMY

London, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Britain's 17-year-old boys will register for national service Jan. 31, the ministry of labs. announced today.

These youths will not be called u. for the fighting services until they are 19. But those who are

not attached already to youth organizations will be encouraged to take up a similar form of training.

HISTORIAN DIES

Portland, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Capt. Frank J. Smith, early Williamette river steamboat pilot and Oregon marine historian, died yesterday. He was 81.

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.

POPULAR MORALE IN WARTIME

The number of "neuroses" (technically neuroses are nervous diseases for which there is no evident organic or structural cause or lesion—but in this instance the term means "nervous breakdown," whatever that may mean if not mental derangement) in England has not increased as a result of the war. On the contrary numerous British medical authorities have reported the frequency of such complaints has diminished notably since the war began.



One large "social centre" in London, Guy's hospital, in a severely bombed area, has had no increase in the proportion of psychiatric cases since the war began, and few cases of neurosis attributable to the war.

Even in the R.A.F. "nervous breakdown" appears to be conspicuously rare. As a psychiatrist of the Air Force expresses it, "In 30 years I have never been more idle than when serving (as psychiatric specialist) in the Royal Air Force." A large hospital which has been established for such cases in the R.A.F. remained empty so long that it was finally opened for general use.

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construction; to arm patrol boats being built at Coos Bay, Astoria, Seattle and Tacoma for service on the coast.

STEPPED UP will be production of the flying fortresses, 4-engine bombers, at the Boeing plants, for of all war items today the long-range bomber is No. 1 on the list. Japan now has control of the air and this must be overcome. These bombers will be required for the destruction of Tokyo, Kobe and Yokohama, whose paper and bamboo houses are future targets of incendiary bombs.

INFLATION (the cost of living) is a serious threat, the cost of living now being 18 per cent above the average. A senate committee studying price control will make its recommendations in a matter of days and someone will be given authority to fix prices, with a penalty for offenders. This someone will, probably, be Leon Henderson, who can now obtain compliance only voluntarily. A few manufacturers have defied him and upped prices, just as one firm making cigarettes has added one cent to each box.

In two weeks the ways and means committee will start hearings on a new tax bill for 1942. The 1941 tax must be paid by March 15. Thousands of people in the northwest who have never filed a return, must do so by March 15. Next year their tax will be even greater although their income may be the same. A single person who has made \$62.50 a month the past year must fill out an income tax form, which is getting down pretty fine—\$2.25 a day, and a visit to the collector of internal revenue.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Common Sense
Many thanks for your pamphlet on piles. It is so full of information, common sense and advice that I am ashamed of not only my own stupidity but also that of some of the doctors who have treated me—some of them, believe it or not, without ever suggesting an examination.
(A. W. H.)
Answer—Surely no reliable physician will accept the patient's guess that the trouble is piles and prescribe treatment on that basis. Physicians today cannot afford to be as stupid as that—the public is getting on such dodges. Copy of the pamphlet "It Is Stupid to Suffer From Piles". Mail or request if you provide stamped envelope bearing your address.

Diabetes
Can you tell me of something called "Islands of Langerhans" used internally for diabetes, instead of insulin?
(Mrs. R. W.)
Answer—Perhaps you have confused what some one said about diabetes or insulin. In every healthy person a certain amount of insulin is constantly produced by groups of cells in the pancreas (abdominal sweetbread) known as the islands of Langerhans.
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Island possessions in the western Pacific Japanese war lords are expected to move to the Pacific coast. By that time the navy may or not be ready for them, for time is of the essence.

Given sufficient time, the northwest will bristle with troops, tanks, anti-aircraft guns, listening devices, navy patrol planes, interceptors, light and heavy bombers, mines, submarine nets. Raiders or attempted invaders will receive a blistering reception from the straits of Juan de Fuca to the harbor of Crescent City. Home guard units will watch water systems, reservoirs, utilities, railroads. By next July the northwest will have its defense preparations complete. War and navy departments are perfecting their plans; have set some already in motion.

BETWEEN now and March 31 the maritime commission will have 71 ships completed and ready for delivery, with 125 launched and 148 new keels laid. A large percentage of this output will be produced in the yards of Oregon and Washington. (Oregon Shipbuilding Co. at Portland has, at present, the record for progress on its contracts.) Destroyers will be ready for delivery on Puget sound and new orders placed there for more of this craft. Orders will be placed in northwest yards for airplane carriers, not immense carriers such as the Lexington, but boats with a capacity of 20 planes. Ships will be built for transport purposes for the time when the big off-fense starts and troops by the thousands are sent to recapture distant islands in the Pacific.

There is now a rush to build anti-aircraft guns and other armament for the merchant fleet, the cargo carriers, now under