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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

It seems there is not enough trouble in the world. The return of Prohibition, and a federal sales tax, eminent sora spots with much of the public, are advocated. On top of this, in at least two Oregon areas, a special bond election for Bonneville Dam issue threatens.

The government has no immediate plans for commandeering of private auto for war purposes. Some of them would be more punishment for the patriot than the foe, until captured by him.

During an air raid, members of the fair sex are urged: Don't scream! The alibi the screaming was a soprano solo won't work.

FIGHTIN' WORD
(Press Dispatch)

Caruso was equally indignant.

"I did not know the lady wanted to pass me," he said. "I did not step on her foot, but I did slap her when she shoved me and called me a beetle. She is no lady."

Farmers report ye clover, both white and red, from which the bees will gather honey next May, is coming up fine, and giving no cause for feeling blue.

Welcome whippersnappers to the ears of civilization, from Nazi bargagarts come out of Berlin, as the 'grey-green hordes of Hitler' retreat before the counter-offensives of The Russia. The hosts that walked with ease over France by prearrangement with political generals, is now in the process of folding up, and stands with its back to the wall, if it had a wall to back into. Mouthpieces of Der Fuehrer plead for faith in him, and deny there is unrest in Germany. There is also no rest in Germany these days, as representatives of conquered lands meet to plan punishment for the Teutonic war lords, and their Quisling throughout Europe.

To save time and material for defense needs, the tailors association plans tighter clothes for men. This no news to citizens now too big for their Coolidge era pants.

IRRITATIONS OF LIFE
(Heppner (Ore.) News)

"At Ayers in Heppner Tuesday from his home in the Lena section wondered why he had come in but did a bit of trading anyway. He said they were getting along fine at the ranch only someone has to jump up in the middle of the night and add a bit more fuel to the fire to be on the safe side with pipes and what not."

Mickey Rooney, the boy-actor of the movies, who is no longer a boy, was married over the week-end to a North Carolina girl. The colossal event filled Mr. Rooney with awe, press accounts stated. The lad was not in character. Based on past actions, he should have tried to be both the bride and the groom.

"His conclusions, he later admitted were no conclusions at all, he concluded."—(Del Norte Tripletic)—What's going on, please!

A court fight looms on the state cigarette tax. It may be smokers will get out of paying the tax, and only have to walk half-a-mile for a Camel.

The U. S. Air Base Problem?

Two small, but rather disturbing, items in today's news.

No. 1 is from Ireland. President De Valera expresses complete sympathy for the United States, but regrets the request for more allied air bases there can't be granted.

No. 2 is from London.

A spokesman for the government in answer to a query, says Russia is expected to hand over air bases in Siberia to the allies eventually, but can't do so NOW. Russia, at all costs, must avoid a war on two fronts.

ONLY those who understand the Irish problem—which we don't—can authoritatively explain No. 1.

We can understand the Irish dislike of England, both from the standpoint of Irish temperament and Irish history. But we can't understand why Ireland (north or south) should wish to do anything directly or indirectly, to thwart the allied effort to crush Hitler.

Certainly strong as Irish hatred of Britain may be in certain quarters, we should suppose continued British control of any kind would be preferable to German dictatorship!

And yet, ever since World War No. 2 started the Eire government, has maintained an attitude which must give comfort, if it doesn't give direct aid, to the Nazi gangsters.

THIS latest action is particularly disturbing, because it demonstrates what a serious obstacle to all-out effort against Hitler, this time-honored "ancient grudge" may develop to be.

Irish air bases unquestionably would aid materially in the battle of the Atlantic against Hitler. But if this London dispatch is correct, as long as De Valera holds office, there will be none,—at least no more than are operating now, probably only a few and those only in Ulster.

Thus instead of having an ally in Ireland, Britain has at her very elbow, a potential enemy if not a declared one. For certainly at such a critical time as this, any part of the Empire that is not for England, is potentially at least against her.

THE Russian attitude, of course, is more understandable. Russia's first concern is Russia, and no country SEEKS a war on two fronts.

But would granting the use of Russian airports, say at Vladivostok, to American and British fliers, bring that about?

This department seriously doubts it.

With war—and not a winning one—still raging in China; with Japanese sea and air forces scattered out all over the Pacific from Tokyo to Australia, (nearly 4,000 miles) Japan of course would see RED, if thanks to Stalin, there was a sudden stab from Siberia, but just what would Nippon be able to do about it?

If our information is correct, Russia still has a strong air and ground force in Siberia; U. S. planes and guns are pouring into Vladivostok constantly, would the victorious Russian offensive against Germany BE AFFECTED IN THE SLIGHTEST, if this slight concession to the democracies were made, no matter how Tokyo might resent it?

AND even more important, perhaps,—again according to our information,—the ONE and only way to knock out Japan QUICKLY and completely would be to launch an intensive heavy-bomber attack from, or near Vladivostok. It is claimed Japan's industrial areas, and therefore her munition supply, could be destroyed by such a stroke in six weeks.

However that may be,—(and we grant neither this government nor Britain expect Russia to enter the war against Japan NOW, nor have asked her to do so), the disturbing factor to us in this second item is similar to the one from Ireland.

NAMELY: it arouses a certain doubt regarding Comrade Stalin's complete and unselfish devotion to the allied cause, and a fear that a certain modern edition of the traditional "ancient grudge" in Dublin is not entirely absent in the Kremlin.

In other words, if Moscow's "man of steel" did not still suffer from a certain prejudice against, and suspicion, of the dominant capitalistic world as represented by his rich and powerful English-speaking allies, would he hesitate a moment now, about allowing U. S.-British planes to base along the shores of the Yellow Sea?

For, if this dispatch is correct, the request has been made. But for the present, at least, Soviet Russia says it will not be granted.

WE don't KNOW! But we would heave a heavy sigh of relief if both De Valera and Brother Stalin, would come frankly forward this evening, and say something to this effect:

"SURE, if you need these bases to beat Germany and Japan, by all means take 'em—take 'em and more power to the both of you!"

Miss Carlton To Be Redford's Secretary

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Jan. 12.—(Sp.)—Mrs. J. C. Hamaker, who for the past two and one-half years has been secretary to President Walter Redford, has resigned to take a position in the Klamath county assessor's office.

Jane Harriet Carlton of Ashland has been recommended to fill the vacancy, according to Dr. Redford. Miss Carlton for several years was employed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in Ashland, Medford and Corvallis and for the past five years has been employed by the California Oregon Power company in Medford. She will assume her new duties February 1.

The Swedish Tobacco Monopoly is buying substantial quantities of American tobacco for future delivery.

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.

THE CRAVING FOR CARBOHYDRATE

If any food material may be called "fattening" it is carbohydrate (any form of starch or sugar) rather than oils and fats. The great majority of obese individuals owe their handicap of a slack flesh primarily to overindulgence in carbohydrates, particularly refined carbohydrates such as white sugar and white flour or items in which these refined carbohydrates are the main ingredient.

There is a craving for refined carbohydrate which the poorly nourished or malnourished victim of moderate obesity finds it hard to resist. Often this craving seems to develop in periodic waves and drives the victim to break diet or throw all resolutions to the winds and go on a "gorge", consuming excessive quantities of candy, cake, ice cream or starch in one form or another, much like a periodic drinker on a spree.

It is my belief that this abnormal craving for refined carbohydrate is due to nutritional deficiency, particularly vitamin B complex deficiency (which itself is due to replacement of whole wheat flour and natural brown sugar and molasses in the modern diet by refined white flour and refined white sugar and syrups). Other deficiencies due to refined modern diet probably play a secondary part in causing the craving and hence in causing obesity, notably vitamin C deficiency (from insufficient fresh fruit and fresh greens or vegetables), and deficiency in vitamin D and calcium.

To prevent or control this craving is one reason why it is important to supplement every reducing diet with a suitable concentrate of the essential vitamins and minerals, which in itself will not add many calories to the daily intake. But that is not the main reason why a restricted diet, whether for reduction or for any other purpose, should be so supplemented. The main reason is to prevent actual development of deficiency diseases.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Nicotinic Acid for Canker Sores

My sister suffers cruelly from frequent canker sores. A friend told her you recommended nicotinic acid as a remedy. (Miss W. H.)

Answer—Buenos Aires physicians reported that daily doses of about 150 mg. of nicotinic acid (three doses of 50 mg. daily) give rapid relief and bring about quick healing of so-called canker sores.

Softening Hard Nails

What can I apply to very hard toe nails to soften them so I can trim and file them? (J. L.)

Answer—Apply to the nail only (keep off from skin) official Solution of Potassium Hydroxide (5% solution of caustic potash). This will soften the nail enough to permit cutting.

What, No Snakebite?

Suffering from a neuritis—back, shoulder, arm. Heard that one ounce prickly ash berries in one pint of whiskey will relieve or cure it. What is your opinion? (A.W.L.)

Answer—It is worthless or harmful. Better have medical advice. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Sen. Bone Warned Against Patent Sale

Had No Delusions On Jap Strength

People Now Asking Why Guam Weak

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—It was in 1935 that Homer T. Bone, senator for Washington, took the floor for hours and told of the patent agreements by which British and American munitions dealers permitted Germany and Japan to use these patents; designs for submarines, the big powder factory built in Japan; the motor industry (turned to manufacture of tanks) of General Motors in Germany. Senator Bone drew no political significance from these patent licenses; he held that the British and Americans were simply after business, but that some day the licensees would turn these weapons of war against the United States.

The Washington senator urged that the government spend a billion or so tooling up; having jigs, lathes and the other machines so vital in war manufactured and that these tools be stored until the day when the government could turn them over to private enterprise to produce munitions. These, explained Bone, would be a backlog ready for instant use in event of war. The machine tool industry thanked Bone, said his argument was manna from heaven, but they dared not endorse his sentiments or they would be called lobbyists. War department gave Bone the brush-off; advised him the United States could quickly provide machine tools when and if necessary.

Senator Bone was an active member of the isolationist group in the senate, along with Wheeler of Montana, Clark of Missouri, Nye of North Dakota and others, and like the rest, has put these ideas behind him in the cause of unity. The Washington senator did not vote for a declaration against war because he was wavering in Florida and heard of Pearl Harbor too late to catch an airplane for the capital. Last spring, talking with Senator McNary in a lull during discussion of a draft of his proposed Colum-

bia power authority bill, he declared he would make a wager that the war he predicted was coming would cost the taxpayers "the astronomical figure of 50 billion dollars; yes, 100 billion dollars." That was before the first lease-lend act. Present guess is that the cost will exceed 100 billion dollars. Bone was so worked up on the subject of war, what it would mean to the economic structure of this country, its cost in blood and sweat, that he was patronizingly referred to as "a mild case."

WHEN a southern senator, a fellow Democrat, announced that the Pacific fleet would lay Japan in ashes in three weeks from the time a declaration of war was made and then concentrate on defeat of Germany, Senator Bone blew up. That assertion was made long ago, in the days when Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox was declaring the navy was ready—always ready—and the people of the Pacific coast were assured that no Japanese war vessel would ever penetrate the defense line maintained by the fleet from Alaska to Pearl Harbor and further south.

Bone was not underrating the Japanese; he had learned too much to do that during the senate munitions investigation back in 1935. He and McNary and the then Senator Lewis Schwellenbach had repeatedly attempted to stop the sale of scrap iron to the Japanese; to prevent Japanese fishing in Alaskan waters. The state department refused; the department was then practicing an appeasement policy toward the little yellow sons of heaven, permitting the Japanese to buy airplanes and parts, furnishing them an unlimited amount of fuel oil and gasoline to build up stockpiles.

PEOPLE are beginning to ask questions, writing to northwest delegations, why congress refused to fortify Guam (30 miles long, six miles wide), for the Japanese took over Guam after the Americans had held it for about 43 years. The answer to the letters may come out in an investigation, or at least on the floor. For three days the house debated an appropriation of \$5,000,000 "for harbor improvements." The measure was defeated February 23, 1939, by a vote of 205 to 168, with 57 members not voting. There was a tie between Guam and the navy air base at Tongue Point, in the estuary of the Columbia, and Rep. James W. Mott, who wanted Tongue Point, which is in his district, talked for Guam. Not all

the northwest representatives voted for improvement of Guam harbor, for there are many new dealers from that section in the lower house. The reason the appropriation was defeated was because of White House and state department pressure. Secretary Hull holding that development would be an unfriendly act toward Japan, a sentiment echoed by many newspapers. And some northwest representatives were among the 205 that saved the five million dollars.

At the time Guam was captured construction work was in progress and only last week contractors received instructions from the navy to expedite their order. Reason for this delayed notice was red tape. It may be a month or two before the order is cancelled; also because of red tape.

A rational, properly supplemented reducing diet enables you to restrict your total caloric intake enough to bring about the desired gradual, steady reduction, physiological reduction, without the discomfort, weakness, haunting hunger or depression so commonly associated with unscientific dieting.

A rational reducing regimen (diet and other measures) should make you feel better, not worse, more inclined to work, play or exercise. In popular terms it increases the three V's—vitality, vigor and vitality. If a reducing regimen fails to do so, there is something wrong with you that requires medical care, not just dieting.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

YOU'RE familiar, of course, with the old saying that runs something like this: "More haste, less speed."

There are interesting (even sensational) hints in today's (Saturday's) dispatches that both the Germans and the Japs have been making too much haste for their own good.

THE Japs are booming into the South Seas with irresistible force.

Everywhere—from Manila, from Malaya, from Sarawak, from Davao—the reports have told of overwhelming numbers of Jap planes, Jap ships, Jap troops, Jap tanks.

Obviously, their purpose has been to get into the South Seas with the "mostest men fustest."

It is undeniable that they have succeeded in that purpose.

BUT ominous rumors are coming from China.

Something approaching calamity has happened to the Japs at Changsha. So precipitate has been their retreat before the Chinese there that they have left behind hundreds of their dead for the Chinese to dispose of. (Like all barbarians, the Japanese have a horror of leaving their dead behind.)

Chinese troops are reported fighting in the outskirts of Canton (only a short distance back of Hongkong) and of Nanchang, from which both rail and water routes lead to Shanghai.

Jap prisoners say SHORTAGES of food and supplies were the main factors in the Japanese collapse at Changsha.

THE implication back of these Chinese reports is that the Japs have put EVERYTHING THEY HAVE into their gamble in the South Seas, hoping to knock us out before we can get started.

If they fail—Well, that's part of the gamble.

THERE are rumors of internal troubles in Germany. Some of these rumors have told of placing of machine guns in anticipation of possible attempts at revolution.

The Nazi foreign office is said to have called correspondents out of bed in the middle of the night to deny these rumors.

Foreign correspondents confirm today that no open or organized revolution exists in Berlin, but express surprise that the rumors caused so much concern to the Nazis that an immediate denial was considered necessary.

IN a dispatch from "somewhere on the German frontier" the AP says today that INCREASINGLY information from reliable sources indicates that the German army's troubles began when Hitler over-ruled General von Brauchitsch's plan, which reportedly was to fall back to the Beresina river before winter set in.

Hitler is said to have been determined to press on to Moscow (as was Napoleon when his generals counseled against it)—whereupon von Brauchitsch resigned. Other high commanders declined to take responsibility for an effort to continue the Russian offensive. It is said to have been at this point that Hitler took over personal command.

By that time (the rumors go) it was too late to turn back. Real winter set in before construction of barracks for housing the German army during the winter could be started.

THE German press acknowledges today that the situation on the Eastern front is serious, but denies reports that a defense line is being built along the Oder river in EASTERN GERMANY.

TWO FREE ASSAYS

Salem, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The two free assays of ore samples a month may be made by the state department of geology and mineral industries for private concerns, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle, advised Earl K. Nixon, director, today.

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

ent set-up. Economists, whose loyalty to Roosevelt antedates the war, are more or less openly spreading discontent with existing schedules. They contend victory is being vitiated by the failure and refusal of anyone to make decisions.

PRICE Fixer Leon Henderson has been made the butt of many a congressional barb or joke, but Mr. Roosevelt likes him, and Mr. Henderson, therefore, will continue to be the man whose word is law in prices.

The congressmen had an insurrection going against him. They thought him impetuous and several other relative things. The grumble against him was large and foreboding.

FDR settled all that by dispatching a private letter to the senate banking and currency committee (considering the legislation) suppressing an army and navy desire to handle the same matter. Naturally it was not made public. But from the intonations of the White House move, the congressional authorities gathered that the president was not adverse to letting Henderson, singlehanded, run the price show.

The whole idea was Mississippi mud to legislators, but they recognized that Mr. Roosevelt was running this war, and they only hoped Henderson's equilibrium (manifest in the many corridors and cloakroom conferences which he has been holding ad infinitum lately with the congressmen) might be maintained.

DON'T be too quick about adding up the navy announcements of their successes with those of the army. If you do you will conclude the army has sunk more Jap ships than the navy. It is true the army sank that initial Jap battleship, a submarine off the west coast, etc. But the navy has a wise policy of concealing its successes. Its announced successes include the damaging of a battleship of the Kongo class, innumerable transports and destroyers sunk by submarines. Other submarine sinkings will be coming out now that sufficient time has expired.

But you can count on it, the army and marine corps have, to date, been far more successful in this war than the navy.

Communications

Regarding World Peace

To the editor: In your editorial of Jan. 8th, you struck a tap root that requires cultivation and pruning. The most vital feature of victory is the arrangement for permanent peace. The fundamental principle of democracy is "personal liberty." If the individual is protected in his rights, all are protected. Our declaration of independence and constitution were intended to safeguard that feature.

To arrange for permanent peace will require clear, logical thinking. The only solution so far offered, that promises any measure of success, is a world federated police force, strong enough to handle any situation; built on the plan of our own United States. We know that it will work in 48 or 148. If we are to offer ourselves as a living example, we must clean up our own backyard, where we have digressed from true democratic principles. If equal rights and personal liberty is to be the keystone, then we must repeal all class legislation, if any.

We must train our vision so we will be able to see when personal liberty is infringed upon. We must be able to discern the difference between Stalin's regime, and our "New Deal" labor regime, if any. We must know the difference between two or more business men meeting and agreeing on a reasonable price for their commodity, with no compulsion as to who shall buy it; and two or more union men meeting and agreeing what their wage shall be, and designating who shall pay it, or be ruined.

We must be able to distinguish the difference between Al Capone's method of obtaining wealth, and the present day union method of assessing tribute when and where desired. We must know the difference between a business man or firm contributing large sums of money to gain political ends, and a labor union doing it, if any. We must know the difference between blackmailing and the common picket line, for coercing our will, on our selected victim. In fact we must know when a man can have "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" without interference by outside influences, and without having to pay tribute for that opportunity.

As trade restrictions and tariff

walls have always been the greatest cause of war, why have any? Instead, why not have a federal system of distribution regardless of distance like letter postage, with a nominal charge for removing any surplus to a place of need. This would benefit everybody and cost much less than war even at peace times, and make good use for our boats and planes after the war is over.

Then with a universal medium of exchange, based on a day's labor (the only commodity man has in common). Then our precious metals could be used in the crafts, instead of being buried in the ground (doing nobody any good). With these matters settled we could eagerly ask the whole world to join us, and live happily ever after. The only reason our federation was formed was a case of self preservation. We are up against the same proposition now and it is our only salvation.

I. C. JONES.
Route 2, Medford.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
January 12, 1932
(It was Tuesday)

The French cabinet of Premier Laval resigns, leaving him a free hand to re-make cabinet.

Justice Holmes of the U. S. supreme court resigns because of age and ill-health.

Oregon county judges to seek more speed in relief work.

Local men given work on new court house as construction starts.

Warmer with rain or snow predicted. High 33, low 19.

Democrats launch drive for funds with Victory dinners. Roosevelt endorsed by Virginia Democrats.

Local officers join hunt for escaped California desperadoes.

Orange growers of southern California light smudge pots as frost looms.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 12, 1922
(It was Thursday)

Prohibition director bans booze parties in Portland hotels.

Montana bachelor tax is held unconstitutional.

French premier and cabinet resign, to furnish diplomatic bombshell.

Food prices drop in 16 cities of nation.

Price of eggs in Portland drop 20c a dozen since first of January.

Rain tomorrow predicted. High 55.5, low 22 degrees.

Four feet of snow in Crater Lake park.

Mrs. George M. Roberts and children are visiting relatives in Cincinnati.

Ben H. Harder is named president of the First National bank.

Ye Poets Corner

The First Robin
(By Jessie Ann Adams)

Today I saw a robin.
With red-breast all aglow,
Spring is in the offing,
Winter must go.

IRONY

I saw him merrily his shadow
On the ground
And wondered what the pleasure
He was found.

At my request
He beat his breast,
"Ah, the shadow of the man I am!"

The sun was shining on his back
The world just roused from its
slumber.

The floods of March had built a
jam
That threatened now the feeble
dam.

"How broad and strong I am!"
The sun was standing now on
high.

The earth and creeks were nearly
dry.
The mighty man with manly
stride,

No shadow by his side,
Of any length,
No longer boasted of his strength.

The setting sun now beat him in
the face;
The limping form had lost its
youthful grace.

In proud disdain
I heard this claim,
"The shadow of the man I was!"

He doffed his hat in sad respect
And viewed his life in retrospect.
The yellow dandelion had turned
to fuzz;

Around his head the blow flies
buzzed.
At last he laid him down to
rest—

I doubt if he had ever guessed
The manly strength he once pos-
sessed.

—Russell Mitchell.

Census reports show that alcoholism, acute or chronic, kills over 2500 persons a year.