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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The government announces it does not want people to save tin-cans for war needs. It seems tin-cans when empty are no use, except to dump along a country road and tie to the rear-axle of the lead Ford of an invading shivaree.

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One of the Older Girls reports she cajoled her bread-winner into spading up the backyard Sun. The task left him too weak to dig the bomb-shelter in the frontyard he has been talking about all winter.

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The Axis gained 60 miles in Libya against the British Sunday and the Russians gained 55 miles against the Germans. Thus, the Allies lost only five miles, in the grand total.

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SUSPICIOUS!

(Klamath Falls Herald)

"The local girls are pretty nice from what we hear, but what we would like to know is when and how did the teams from various points find out about how nice they are? The Klamath girls are, in the majority, tied up (steady). Looks as if someone will have to look into this matter."

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One school of military thought holds the Nazis, after ten weeks of running, and getting walloped by Soviet arms, are stronger than ever, and able to invade from two to five different lands at the same time, when they get ready, and the notion hits them. This don't make sense. Apparently the Russians are not knocking the hell out of Germany, as reported, but knocking it back into them.

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An upstate paper reports "chaotic conditions prevailing in Medford." One has to go away from home, to find out what's going on in his own bailiwick. It's nice to be in the midst of chaos, and not know about it.

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With daylight saving effective next Monday, it's time for the bright boys of the pencils, to spring the first World War nifty on the subject, "Everybody will be day-lighted."

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In a Texas wrestling match, one of the contestants had his jaw and a leg broken, and was unconscious for three days. Still a lot of people claim wrestlers "don't mean business."

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"While coasting last night on Badger's Hill, Miss Margaret Bacon and Miss Sallie Weeks were slightly injured by their sleds colliding. Miss Bacon sustained a cmfwyp vbgkq) xxfi... xzfi.—(Dorris Items). Cruel and unusual.

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ALL OK. NOW

"(Editor's Note—In her article of Nov. 18, Dorothy Dix likened marriage to a business concern and in carrying out her comparison used the term Benedict & Co. to describe the state of matrimony, from which point she proceeded to advise periodic inventory of assets of the home, avoidance of marital bankruptcy, etc. The coincidence of name has caused annoyance and embarrassment to the Benedict & Co., coal dealers of long and honorable standing in the community, particularly on the part of hasty readers who failed to grasp the point of the article. There was of course no reference to the local concern intended in the Dix column)."—Exchange.

The Mail Tribune want ads.

Editorial Correspondence

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 31:—Great Icicloski!—the Russian front has nothing on this! Snow, snow, everywhere,—on the ground, in the air and covering the Portland Rose windows with Jack Frost lace trimmings. An hour late moreover and motor cars having hard going along the right of way.

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To continue the Varsity gal saga, what would the Japs do to the U. S. army if they had her as a Mata Hari. So many doughboys tried to carry her luggage to the Parmelee bus, there was a small riot and the dusky "red caps" gazed at the spectacle wrily—a few more like that and their ten-cent a package graft would go up in smoke—where, incidently, it should go!

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The lad with a penchant for strong cigars, came in strong at the finish. And it was nothing but sheer bull-necked persistence, for he was about as prepossessing as a Sioux Indian suffering from poison oak.

Nothing daunted him however,—even the sour-puss porter gave up after 24 hours and ignored his "corona-corona" belching smoke in the car like a Pittsburgh and Akron freight engine.

Strange, strange,—we can imagine no worse life-companion than that know-it-all smart-alec, and all around cheap skate rough neck,—but our last sight of him was taking a seat by the beauty in a bus bound for the Canadian Pacific. He is due in Camp Grant, but will probably end up in Toronto, unless someone rescues the Idaho beauty, and kicks him into a convenient snowdrift. (Yep Grandpappy is all worked up and fears the nice little kid will eventually fall for some baboon like that,—many of them do,—they seem able to resist everything but PERSISTENCE!)

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Strange, too, from the other side of the triangle, or rather the hexagon. Miss Idaho, as before stated, was pleasing to look at but to be strictly accurate was no glamorous beauty and, as our opportunities for observation were excellent we can also testify she had no "line",—no humor, no brains at all,—about the third day we should have supposed even "Panatela Pete" would have lost some of his enthusiasm.

But did he? Did any of the regiment? Not that one could witness. Ho-hum,—I guess they ARE or they AREN'T,—just as some gals no doubt can walk in a tiger's cage and the varmints will blink their eyes, and put their tails between their legs and jump through flaming hoops, and another girl, outwardly about the same type, walking in the same cage would promptly be "et up." It's biological, no doubt!

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We are grateful to Miss Idaho, however, for putting a bit of human interest into what otherwise would have been an exceedingly tiresome trip. The competition to take the young lady to meals including breakfast was also keen,—(and these army lads have no money to waste!) But Miss "I" apparently had been given strict instructions about this, and always declined,—in fact as far as we could observe she only had one meal a day,—luncheon,—but when she landed in Chicago she looked as fresh and frisky as when she boarded the "Rose" at Nampa, Idaho. (Perhaps that's the reason.)

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As a final word let it be stated the "Miss" was very much of the sweet, demure, self-contained type,—tremendous poise, but none of that quality which once upon a time was termed "pep". She almost never caught a breath of fresh air at the train stops, sweetly declining at least half a hundred invitations, ditto offers of cigarets, if she had a lip stick she never played with it,—

But, boy oh boy! Had Miss Idaho at any given time, ordered any of these soldier boys to jump off the train while it was going 75 miles an hour and MEANT it,—

The boy would have refused no doubt, but he would have been sorely tempted and apologized profusely for not having the guts to do it.

Yes that was her type. Just one of the major miracles of this here life!

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And speaking of miracles where is there a greater human miracle than the man who celebrated his 60th birthday yesterday, —Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the one and only Third Term President of the United States! Yes, we believe there is no man in public life who more thoroughly ENJOYS being not only the man of the hour and the man of the year, but the man of the Twentieth Century, than Mr Roosevelt,—

And to lead a world war for what he believes to be,—and what is,—the RIGHT,—does in the most inclusive sense of the term, fill his cup of life, overflowing with satisfaction and happiness. Had F.D.R. been allowed to order his role in life, we believe he would have selected the role he is now playing, in preference to all others,—and that, as we have read history, makes him truly the "Miracle Man" of Modern Times.—R.W.R.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

New Bid Made for Aluminum Plant

Additional Plants Rumored Needed

Clays From Guiana Or From Utah

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3—Donald Nelson, dictator of the war production board (the setup was to be designated war production administration until someone said it would be referred to as a revived WPA), is being told that it might be a good thing for him to step in and send the aluminum rolling mill back to the LaFollette peach orchard at Fairview if, as Nelson says, the big issue now is rush production and not lose a minute.

Mr. Nelson has been informed that shifting the Fairview-Troutdale mill to "somewhere back of the mountains" is costing national defense thousands of interceptor planes through delay. The intended capacity of the mills at Fairview and Los Angeles was calculated at 150,000 tons of sheet aluminum a year, or 300,000,000 pounds. The sites were selected, purchased, titles approved, ground leveled, plans drawn and contractors hired when came Pearl Harbor, the consolidation of the two plants and their relocation in the upper Columbia region near the British Columbia line.

It is estimated, Mr. Nelson is informed, that this procrastination is delaying production of aluminum sheet metal by at least four months (plus the original delay in picking the Fairview site), or a production loss of 50,000 tons, one-third the capacity of the proposed industry. Airplanes can not be constructed faster than the sheet aluminum is provided so that there is a clear loss, by the relocation, of several thousand fighting planes. War department refuses to reveal how many tons of aluminum is used in an interceptor or a bomber; it is now a military secret, although the figures were frequently announced before the declaration of war against Japan. At any event, Mr. Nelson has been told that 10,000 interceptors is the price that is being paid for shifting the fabricating mills, although a nearer guess might be 5,000.

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AT an executive session of a subcommittee of the senate military affairs committee Mr. Nelson told senators the president has bestowed on him all authority possessed by the president to get results; that there will be no politics in the war production board; that everything necessary to bring production to the peak in the shortest possible time will be done. It was because of this testimony of Mr. Nelson that he was sent communiques by a special "riding page" (this comes down from the days when senate messengers rode horses) outlining the important loss of aluminum sheet for airplanes by reason of the change "back of the mountains." All of the preliminary work completed at Fairview must be done over again at the new site, which has not yet been definitely chosen—picking the site, examining titles, purchase, new plans, awarding contracts. If Mr. Nelson is so anxious to get production he could order the contractors to resume at Fairview, save time, save fighting planes which would be completed and overseas in combat before the plant "behind the mountains" could be ready.

Pungent paragraph to Mr. Nelson in one of these communiques by a northwest senator: "To sum up the situation: Mr. Jones (Jesse H. Jones of RFC), whom I originally believed was the determining factor of the matter, deferred to Judge Patterson (assistant secretary of war); Judge Patterson deferred to Mr. Knudsen (then director of office of production management); Mr. Knudsen deferred to the army, and the army disclaims any responsibility." That was as near as the senator could discover who actually was behind the shifting of the plant.

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AMONG the rumors floating around in the national capital is one hinting that so great must be the aluminum ingot production that additional plants, financed by Defense Plant Corp. (RFC subsidiary of Mr. Jones) will be necessary to meet the demands for 60,000 airplanes in 1942 and 125,000 (100,000 combat) in 1943, as announced by the president. In the Pacific northwest tentative sites are mentioned at Seattle or somewhere on Puget sound (Tacoma has a plant now building). The Dalles, on Columbia river; Pendleton. Chief factor in locating a reduction plant will be availability of electrical energy. Puget sound area is fed from Grand Coulee over transmission lines now building; The Dalles is within about 50 miles of Bonneville, and Pendleton is served from Grand Coulee.

Necessary clays from which to extract the metal would be brought from Dutch Guiana, where a contingent of American troops is now guarding the bauxite fields, or other clay deposits in Utah. The Arkansas deposits of bauxite may be developed by rural electrification administration, which sees itself passing out of the picture unless it can do something in the war to justify itself. There are now transmission lines available, but REA has requested priority on thousands of tons of precious copper wire to build a duplicating line (which has been disapproved by the power division of the war department).

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.

GIVE THAT BABY A BREAK

Dr. Brady

"I believe there would be far less respiratory infection from coryza to pneumonia, meningitis and infantile paralysis," (writes one... I wish I could say mother, but the truth is that the writer is a father) "if people would spend as much effort avoiding contact with infected persons or possible carriers of infection as they do in worrying about and trying to avoid drafts, dampness, wet feet or insufficient clothing.."

It would be more encouraging to hear such an avowal from a mother, but then, we must remember that mother is more susceptible to and more exposed to the old hokum bunkum than father is—the neighborhood Saireygamps get in their best licks after father has gone to work and mother is left alone with the children. Down at the office or shop Ben Told is a bit different about sounding off, but back home his wife Maria takes great pleasure in giving the young and of course inexperienced little mother an earful.

"In our family," continues the young father, "our year old baby has had no illness of any kind despite the fact that she sleeps in a drafty, unheated room. She has never been bundled or burdened with excessive clothing or bed covers in the way most doting mothers feel is necessary, and this has let us in for a great deal of censure from friends, relatives and neighbors, who are forever warning us the baby will get pneumonia."

A nice distinction there—friends, relatives and neighbors. It would be even clearer if the friends were fairly qualified as well-meaning but misguided friends.

"The irony of it is that these same people would think nothing of letting everyone and his uncle fondle and kiss their baby or letting the baby play on a dirty floor where no stray draft could reach the baby."

This young father has said all there is to say about the matter. But he is under no misapprehension concerning the popular view, for he adds "I have always believed your teachings are the truth, but I do not think you can hope to remove the deeply ingrained superstitions which the public so foundly cherishes."

Certainly not—I have learned that in a long campaign. But it is gratifying to receive now and then such testimony as this young father gives, that my teachings do have some effect.

The young father incloses a clipping of an article on air conditioning in the home, by an old medical professor who has lately been set up health columning. The young father calls particular attention to the professor's final paragraph:

"Drafts are just as dangerous as too much or too little heat—particularly if a person is not robust" etc., etc.

How can an M. D. write such guff? wonders the young father.

Well, maybe the old professor is a bit addled about it, or again maybe that's the way the people for whom he writes likes it.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Tic Doloureux

Please give your opinion of trichlorethylene for tic dolloureux. (R. J. H.)

Answer — Crude Trichlorethylene, used as solvent for fats and resins, for degreasing metal surfaces and in clothes cleaning, was found to cause loss of sensibility in the area supplied by the trigeminal (7th cranial, trifacial) nerve. It therefore came into use as a remedy for the violent stabbing pain recurring spasmodically every few minutes for hours or days. The victim keeps in pocket sealed fragile tubes containing about 15 minims of pure trichlorethylene, breaks one in handkerchief and inhales it when attacked. It brings immediate, sometimes prolonged relief.

Fruit Juices

You stated that freshly expressed fruit juices lose part of their vitamin strength on standing exposed to the air. Would this be true of such juice kept in a covered jar in refrigerator over night? And of canned fruit juice allowed to stand several hours after opening the can? (W.H.H.)

Answer—Yes.

Acid and Alkaline Foods

Will you kindly give tables of foods which leave acid ash and foods which leave alkaline ash? (J. H. McL.)

Answer—In my opinion it is seldom if ever advisable to consider that circumstance in choice of food or diet. However, such information is included in the 90-page booklet "Feeders Digest"—for copy send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address.

Saccharin

Where can one get directions for using saccharin instead of sugar? (Mrs. E. E. D.)

Answer—A quarter of a grain of saccharin, in tablet, has sweetening effect of about a teaspoonful of sugar. Any one may use up to four or five grains of saccharin daily with perfect safety.

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Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Communications

Thanks From Board

To the editor:

The executive board of the Jackson County Public Health association wishes to thank you for your cooperation with them in the anti-tuberculosis seal sale campaign.

Mrs. Charles Barnes,
Secretary.

Labor's New Masters

To the editor:

Fully conscious of the part that labor unions, particularly the A. F. of L., have played in elevating the laboring classes to respectability, and filled with a consuming hatred for our low-born aristocracy of wealth whose philosophy has been the sanctification of greed, I wish to suggest that we may be going too far in the direction of unionization.

Our American ideal is freedom—freedom for the individual to work, to play, to live in his own way in so far as it does not interfere too much with the rights of others.

In forcing men to pay tribute to union leaders as greedy and socially unconscious as were the wealthy aristocrats of the 1870's they simply have changed slave masters without broadening the ideal of freedom. Men are not free when their labor is actually needed and they cannot obtain work without buying a union card. Labor unions today consider a non-union worker a greater enemy than the capitalist employer. Capital has properly acquiesced to the demands of labor and granted all reasonable rights of working men. Unions then turned to fighting each other and now are making war against non-union labor.

To fight laborers is not the proper function of organizations established for the purpose of benefiting labor. Their proper function should be to free labor from slavery and exploitation, to obtain reasonable working hours and conditions, to force employers to pay in accordance with their ability to pay and secure for laborers the individual rights of free men in a free society.

Working men today are not free—they simply have changed masters and recent demonstrations of some labor leaders indicate how dangerous it is to a free society for any considerable group of its constituents to become servants of a group of radically anti-social, undemocratic "bosses."

Russell Mitchell,
Jacksonville, Ore.

Iverson Sees Chaos

To the editor:

In last night's paper you had an article on "chaotic conditions" written in Albany paper and attributed to a contractor and builder.

He evidently had been here, investigated his own line of work and right there found the chaotic condition that he speaks of.

Personally I know exactly where that chaos lies as it is also my line of work and today comes right in the housing problem of our cantonment. I will mention diferent phases of it.

In new building we do not know what is wanted (have not been told) and do not know what rentals will be; or whether furnished or unfurnished.

In existing houses we are equally at sea. There are rumors of control of rentals based on last April when rents hardly paid the taxes and water. In that case we could not be expected to do any extensive repairing. We are also told that many cantonment workers of the common labor class can be classed with "fruit tramps" as to being desirable tenants, which means that they do not take the slighest care of the property.

There is also a chaotic condition as to rooms. I am repeatedly asked by owners to see rooms they have and tell what I think of them. I quit seeing them long ago as I hate to tell them the truth—most of those I have looked at needed kalsomine and paint badly and most furniture was hardly fit to chop into fire wood. Secondhand dealers tell me that last spring every stick of old furniture and furnishings were bought up to put into houses and rooms. We can well imagine the results.

People coming to me looking for houses tell of houses they have looked at and above mentioned conditions exist in a very large part of them.

I made brief inquiry locally and have also talked to various of the engineers who have been and are here, some of whom I have as tenants, and I find this:

If the existing house or room would be capable of putting into desirable and clean condition, then there will be a demand by the better element and they will pay a decent price; and there will be a very acute shortage of residences in first class condition that the "higher ups" will not be ashamed to ask their friends into and they will pay high rent, and with that class of house we can furnish "Frigidaires" (if you can get them) and spring mattresse, etc.

Here is my suggestion—I think there should be an actual inspection of all available housing (houses and rooms) and suggestions made to the owners as to what they should do to them and also advise as to rental they can ask. Many of the 'landlords" have asked me questions on these matters and they should be cleared up.

I would also suggest a meeting of the landlords with Mr. Van Dyke and others as the housing problem could be cleared up.

There is also a very great shortage of new furniture and specially mattresses. It seems to me that there should be several hundred mattresses shipped in here as that will be the one thing of greatest need.

This article covers a very live question at this time and should be attended to, and specially some assurance to us landlords that we can expect a decent rental.

Geo. Iverson

Jap Envoys' Return Will Be Via Africa

Washington, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The state department announced today that Japanese diplomatic and consular officials held in this country would be returned to Japan by way of Portuguese east Africa.

The Portuguese government has been agreed upon to handle at Lisbon the exchange of representatives of European belligerents.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR NIEL ALLEN'S FATHER

Grants Pass, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Funeral services were held today for W. C. Allen, 73, who died Sunday night.

Allen was a state legislator in Washington and was co-founder of the Pullman, Wash., Herald. In Oregon he was a member of the state game and industrial accident commissions.

Surviving are the widow and two sons, W. C. Allen Jr., and Niel R. Allen, Oregon Republican chairman.

CORONER DYNASTY

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 3. — (AP)—Coroner John P. Devaux was offered a new office in the county courthouse, but he declined it. He wanted to stay in the same building where his grandfather, great-grandfaher and great-great-grandfather held office. They were coroners, too.

Send Valentines to Show You Care

We have special cards for friends, sweethearts and for all members of the family.

SWEM'S GIFT SHOP

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

senators is that Wickard did not write the back-tracking part of his Atlanta speech, that it was worked over by others, that he did not notice the line that caused all the trouble.

Be that as it may or may not be, Mr. Wickard is Mr. Roosevelt's personal agent and he must have noted F. D. R.'s hint that he had better be good in his newly legalized position as arbiter of farm prices.

In short, Mr. Wickard may have established himself as arbiter for the farmer (meaning in this instance the cotton senators and some farm organizations) but he is working for Mr. Roosevelt. In his dual capacity he will henceforth take the rap from both sides, as he has now so efficiently started to do.

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ONE thing Churchill said in his speech is not understandable to anyone here. According to one radio transcript, he said:

"The arrival of well-equipped troops here will enable the U. S. to send direct to Australia and New Zealand, weapons and munitions now being made in the United States."

Another published version:

"The fact that well-equipped American divisions can be sent into these islands so easily and rapidly will enable substantial supplies of weapons and munitions now being made in the United States to be sent directly to the other side of the world—to Australia and New Zealand, to meet new dangers to the home defense which are cast upon them by the Japanese war."

These words suggest Churchill expects Britain to receive less war materials, but obviously our own troops there will have to be supplied and nearly all our lend-lease material has been going to Libya and the far east anyway. No one here professes to know what he meant.

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A NOTICE came to the war department from the bureau of internal revenue, addressed to Major ———. It said the major, through error or oversight, owed more money on his income tax than he had paid. The bureau of internal revenue received this communication back from a war department secretary:

"Major ——— is at present located on the Bataan peninsula. I am herewith returning your letter with the suggestion that you forward it to Major ——— with the first reinforcements."

Or, better yet, why not have the revenue agent deliver it out to the Philippines and take all revenue agents along as reinforcements before next March 15.

Silent official emotions here have run all the way from regret to outrage that MacArthur could not be relieved before this, but this war department secretary has given first expression to the sentiments of those in the latter group.

However, a bill is being pushed in congress to relieve army officers from income tax while outside the continental limits of the U. S. The major will have to pay up if and when he gets back and no doubt he will be glad of the opportunity and proud of the privilege.

SCOTLAND BOMBED

London, Feb 3—(AP)—A woman was killed and several persons were injured Monday afternoon when a single air raider bombed and machine-gunned streets of an east Scotland village.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
February 3, 1932
(It was Wednesday)

Ashland CofC. builds toboggan slide on Siskiyous.

Ralph G. Jennings files for sheriff on Democratic ticket.

Great powers emphatic in denouncing Japanese aggression in China. Chinese sink Japanese destroyer.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York, Democratic candidate for president, tells Grange he is "now against the League of Nations," though he worked for it when a vice presidential candidate.

C. B. Lamkin of Ashland, to be sworn in county judge next Monday.

Unsettled with rain or snow. High 44, low 34 degrees, and slightly warmer.

Earthquake spreads death and destruction in Chile.

Salem high to play two games with Black Tornado here during week-end.

Oak Grove to get Medford water.

Six planes to stop here daily with new service starting April 1.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
February 3, 1922
(It was Friday)

January was a cold month with precipitation below normal. Snow or rain predicted with a high of 42 and a low of 30 degrees.

Prosperity of nation waits revival of railroad business, Secretary Hover says.

Jury disagres for second time in trial of Fatty Arbuckle, film star.

Movie queens and notables involved in mystery murder of William T. Taylor, film director. Film beauties questioned. Cigarette stub only clue.

Treaties between Japan and China agreed upon at disarmament conference.

District Attorney Rawles Moore is ill at his home with a bad cold.

Over a million dollars spent on local roads last year.

Sams Valley residents are shocked when a phone wire and power line become crossed when pole is hit by a truck.

Homeguards Capture B.B.C. Headquarters

London, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Headquarters of the British Broadcasting Corporation, supposedly one of the best-guarded buildings in Britain, was captured at 4 a.m. yesterday — by home guards engaged in exercises.

The attack began at midnight and was finished by the successful entry of two home guards armed with bogus passes—one signed "Adolf Hitler."

Eugene, Feb 3—(AP)—J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon astronomer, reported today that he had observed a lunar rainbow in the western sky Saturday night. Pruett said observation of the phenomenon was rare.

TIRE TRAGEDY

Molalla, Ore., Feb. 3—(AP)—Charles Falconer views the war and its resulting rationing as a personal tragedy — and with some reason. Fire destroyed his automobile, trailer and seven tires.

The Apostolic Faith Church

REV. C. W. FROST, Pastor

Announces

A Special Service for Wednesday Evening, at the church on the corner of 3rd and North Central, at 7:45.

Reverend R. R. Crawford, General Overseer of the Apostolic Faith Work, assisted by John L. Clasper and a group of Gospel Workers from Portland, Oregon.

Following an organ prelude, there will be special music by the 30-piece Orchestra.

Special Songs by Walter Reid, Portland, Tenor, and Reverend Crawford will also be featured at this service.

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