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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Gen. T. Yamashita, the conqueror of Singapore, therefore hot military stuff in Tokyo, has been placed in command of the Philippine campaign against Gen. MacArthur, to succeed Gen. M. Homma, who fizzled miserably, lost "face," and committed hari-kari. Gen. Yamashita will do the same thing, for the same reasons, but he doesn't know it yet.

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In the coming spring and fall campaigns, the war and the consequences thereof promise to be the main and only oratorical topic. Candidates making speeches are urged not to leave the audience so scared they will be afraid to go home.

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The War Production Board will "freeze" women's styles as of now, to prevent cloth waste. This will leave the women cool towards the idea, and as cold as some of the stronger sex, think they are.

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T. Carlton, the Flounce Rk. cowman, towned yes. Mr. Carlton had some sizzling comment to make about some figures on a bunch of blue and yellow slips handed him at the cthse.

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PROFANITY METERS

(Heppner Gazette-Times)

"If you go into the sheriff's office, don't cuss. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman has taken it upon himself to do a little extra-legal service. Profanity even to the extent of a 'darn' calls for contributions of a dime to the sheriff's cussing jar, the proceeds of which go to buy defense stamps."

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"Afterwards half fried chicken was served by the hostess." —(Social brevity). Such candor.

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An enormous freight truck went through late yesterday, and, if they get any bigger, switch engines will have to stop at the crossing for them.

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The price of hair-cuts has gone up. This does not change the status of the customer, who is still always wrong, and never wins an argument. The price of pork will be halted at the March 3-7 levels. This is expected to prevent a ham sandwich from costing more than a hog.

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MORAL ADORNS A TALE

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

"A red cow, owner unknown, while attempting the gastronomic feat of putting away a barrel of apples and two gallons of butter brine last night from the yard of Mrs. Despain, died in the attempt and from her death gluttons can draw many wise conclusions."

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Fletch Fish, the boom day tenor of Phoenix, who was mauled by an auto last Nov. is out and about again, and has let fly with a poem, dedicated to Herman Offenbacher, S. Morris, Dewey Hill, Earl Ulrich, and other farm boys.

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A bombshell was dropped some place besides in a war zone last night, when Corvallis defeated Salem, "the host team," in the state basketball tournament. The h.t. collided with a tartar, that was a different outfit than the quint they had conquered two or three times, in regular season play. In all sections of the state, there will be basketball fans rejoicing, not because Salem was defeated, but because the "host team" idea, sustained a long deferred deflation.

Editorial Correspondence

Medford, March 11.—Yes, the well known bromide is in order:

It's nice to be home!"

It is. Even after a night in a crowded S. P. Pullman, and alighting in semi-darkness and a heavy rain.

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In fact "ye editor" has felt better ever since he landed on the Pacific coast. Perhaps the familiar environment is the answer, but we believe it is more the fact that here on the coast the people seem to realize a war is on. They don't in the Middlewest where most of the time was spent on this last cross-country trek. That atmosphere of unawareness and indifference was disquieting,—we felt at times it was ominous, as far as any successful outcome of the present war is concerned. But on this coast and on the Atlantic coast, while there is still no general appreciation of the TRUE seriousness of the war situation, there is none of the spirit of business as usual,—even of fiddling a bit while Rome burns. The rank and file may not be in exactly a fighting mood, but they are in a WAR mood, determined to do everything in their power, to bring this conflict to a successful conclusion, and clearly realizing this means sacrifice in many directions and on all sides,—though the exact nature of the "sacrifice" may be somewhat nebulous.

That SHOULD be the spirit of America. After two trips cross country in 90 days we are convinced that except along the two oceans, it ISN'T. There is both relief and satisfaction in returning to it.

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We got the last lower on the "fast freight." When the train pulled out everything was gone, lower, upper and drawing room. Reminded your correspondent of his first trip to Medford back in 1909 when the great red apple rush was on. According to report there will be other reminders as we venture out and observe what the coming of the cantonment has already done. But two things on aforesaid Pullman were new. No. 1: A young man who packs an old-fashioned straight razor and a china shaving mug with him on his travels,—yes, and uses them!

No. 2: Another young man taking his first trip on a Pullman at Uncle Sam's expense, asking in all seriousness when the porter was going to bring his bed in!

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Summing up the results of this second trip, we would say the only place where the TRUE SERIOUSNESS of the present war situation,—and world situation,—is appreciated, is in Washington, D. C. And there only among the higher-ups,—not the masses, not the rank and file of that teeming metropolis.

And the reason, of course, is plain. Only the higher-ups in Washington, those close to the official sources of information, know what is really going on.

They alone know precisely what the U. S. losses have been since this war in the Far East began,—the losses in naval, land and air power. They alone, know how many potential land and air bases have been lost also, and what it is going to cost in blood and treasure to regain them. They alone know the true situation in France, in Britain and along the Russian front, and also what it is going to cost to beat Hitler in Central Europe,—a job that MUST be done.

Knowing these facts, small wonder the war psychology in official Washington is in sharp contrast with that in the rest of the country,—even on the two coasts.

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And that psychology is interesting. For as we view it, it challenges the entire validity of the censorship theory.

That theory briefly is this:

The people can't be told the truth because the truth would so lower their morale, the effectiveness of the entire war effort would be impaired, and two:

The truth would give important information to the enemy.

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Taking the last count first. With few exceptions, the true facts of the war to date, would have given the enemy no information, the enemy did not already possess,—in fact in even more detail than official U. S. sources.

As to the first count, if psychologically speaking official Washington represents a fairly accurate cross section of the country, then the true facts instead of impairing morale, strengthens it.

For while official Washington is deadly serious, even gravely worried at times, there is no impairment of its morale. Quite the reverse in fact. In high official circles as nowhere else one finds the fighting spirit at the boiling point. And the tougher it looks, the harder they drive into the line, the more determined they are NOT to yield an inch, even though their efforts at times do appear to end only in frustration.

Wouldn't the American people react in a similar fashion? If the masses knew what official Washington knows, would they promptly proceed to run for cover or raise the white flag?

We don't believe they would. In fact we KNOW they wouldn't. The national reaction, we are confident, would be identical with the official Washington reaction.

And as a result the national temper, from coast to coast, in this country would be far better than it is today,—far better adapted to applying the maximum war effort.

And don't forget this,—if this war is to be won,—(and it MUST be won!)—nothing short of the MAXIMUM effort of this country, involving the maximum efforts of every man and woman in it, is going to do the trick.

The time has passed when any half-way measures can stave off, at best a deadlock,—and for the allies in this fight a deadlock means DEFEAT!

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We are not maintaining no news censorship should be employed. There must be a censorship of course. But we ARE maintaining the basic theory of the censorship since the attack on Pearl Harbor has been all wet. For that theory as we interpret it, adds up to this:

The people not only should NOT be given the true war facts.

They should by careful news selection and repression be given an encouraging picture when the true situation is the exact reverse,—extremely discouraging.

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We do challenge the soundness of that doctrine. We not only believe the American people "can TAKE it," we believe as a general proposition the darker things look, the more disposed they will be to gird up their collective loins and GO TO IT!

Except in a few rare spots, that is NOT the temper of the American people today. The wishful-thinking nature of the censorship is, in our judgment, largely, if not ENTIRELY, responsible for it.—R.W.R.

SEATTLE UNSEATS DAVE BECK'S MAN

Seattle, March 11.—(AP)—Seattle's voters hailed a new mayor-designate today after turning out of office the incumbent who had the active support of Dave Beck, west coast leader of the AFL Teamsters' union, in a bitterly contested campaign.

Police Judge William F. Devin ran up a surprising 3-to-2 margin over Mayor Earl Millikin in yesterday's voting. The totals were: Devin 63,892; Millikin 43,541.

Devin was a city judicial appointee of Governor Arthur B. Langlie, Republican, while the latter was mayor. Millikin, former Democratic county auditor, was elected a year ago to fill the unexpired term of Langlie. The city election was non-partisan.

What started out as a tame affair became a fever-ridden, three-cornered battle in the campaign's final week as Beck twice took to the radio to support Millikin and to denounce Devin as a foe of labor and "an incompetent and prejudiced police judge."

Salem, March 11.—(AP)—The Salem school board voted last night to give indefinite leaves of absence for the duration of the war to Salem teachers going into military service. Such leaves previously had been limited to two years.

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.

GLASSES AND CATARACT

Eye surgeons believe that prolonged eye-strain is responsible for many cataracts. They point out that decrease in the number of cataracts among city dwellers is due to better illumination and the increased wearing of glasses by persons whose eyesight is deficient. But they point out also that improper glasses can do as much to create or to hasten changes within the eye which later manifest themselves as cataract.

It is still too common a practice to wear glasses which are not properly fitted to the individual defect of vision.

In the earlier stage cataract is rarely apparent to the ordinary observer. It gives rise only to gradually increasing difficulty in seeing, particularly seeing near objects clearly. No reading glasses give satisfactory clearness, and persistence in close work with the eyes causes headache and watering of the eyes. Sometimes images are distorted or objects appear double. A candle or match flame, for instance, appears double or triple. For two or three years before he learned he had cataract one patient had trouble lighting his cigar—he couldn't see which of the two flames he was applying to the cigar. Sometimes one developing cataract is dazzled in sunlight and can see best in dim light or on a cloudy day.

To the lay mind cataract means blindness sooner or later. This is an idea that has come down from a past era when few persons with cataract received proper treatment. The man referred to, who couldn't see to light his cigar, was operated on a few months ago, and now enjoys comfortable vision for reading and the open air activities he had been compelled to give up. Of course he wears thick lenses to take the place of the chystalline lenses removed, but he is happy about it. Every one who has cataract removed must wear such glasses afterward. It is sad to hear some victims of cataract expressing their unwillingness to submit to operation for cure, because they refuse to depend on such glasses. Takes all kinds of people to make a world.

In many instances development of senile cataract is so slow that the patient is aware only of slight haze or difficulty in vision but goes through life unaware of the existence of cataract. It is such cases that explain why experienced oculists are chary of informing patients of the existence of slight opacity in the lens—why give needless anxiety to a patient who, as likely as not, will never experience serious impairment of vision from the cataract?

There is another popular misconception that too often distresses victims of cataract or their families—the notion that cataract operation is a painful ordeal. It is painless in fact, before, during and after the operation.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Who Pays the Freight?

Please send me an Iodin Ration pamphlet. (Mrs. F. B.)

Answer—Postcard requests do not comply with rules. For "Instructions for Taking an Iodin Ration" send stamped envelope bearing your address.

Sinus Trouble

Had been troubled for years with a sinus condition which caused me considerable misery. Wrote for your "Relief for Allergy". Within an hour after the first dose of potassium I could notice my head clearing and by taking occasional doses (I carry a few tablets always in my bag) I am now quite free of the old trouble, and mighty grateful, too. (Miss J. W.)

Answer—Thank you. On request I am glad to mail copy of the pamphlet "Relief for Allergy" to any reader who provides stamped envelope bearing his or her address.

Dentors Will Be Doctors

Now that Harvard requires students to have the degree of M. D. before they complete the course in dental school, we wonder if the eminent Doc Brady will concede these dentists the right to use the title of "Doctor"? (C. J. S., D.D.S.)

Answer—Certainly, Doctor. That's what I've been working on the situation for, all these years.

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News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

told him to abandon his notion.

The last heard here was that Mr. Curtis had retired with the warning he would be back and start picketing in 10 days if the matter were not cleared up to his satisfaction.

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NOW comes also Irving Abramson, CIO councilor for New Jersey, with a report to Nelson, which he calls "shocking," to the effect that plants in the northern part of his state are working only 49 per cent of capacity.

The report may force some needed corrections if the facts justify Mr. Abramson's assertion, but in submitting it to the press first, he attributed the deficiency to management's "profit motive." He said they did not want to pay time-and-a-half for overtime.

Nothing could make the situation clearer. Mr. Abramson believes it is all right for him to have a profit motive for labor—even an excess profit motive. He wants a 50 per cent wage increase for all overtime work. But for an employer to have any similar motive in protest is a disgusting and unpatriotic thing—to Mr. Abramson.

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THE time and a half that Mr. Abramson wants, would come out of the treasury and the taxpayers of the country, if passed along in the price of tanks, planes, etc., or out of the pockets of consumers in the price of non-defense products. Yet he did not recommend that labor abandon its 50 per cent overtime extra fee on orders to turn out guns for the nation's defense in time of national peril.

This is the day of labor. It has been freed, as its leaders say, from the shackles of enslavement.

Not content with this, however, some few of its leaders always want to put the shackles on someone else—Mr. Curtis on the workers who do not pay their dues, and Mr. Abramson on the manufacturers who do not relish a 50 per cent wage increase for overtime work in war-time.

Mr. Abramson may have reported to Mr. Nelson more than he intended.

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HITLER is desperately working on Vichy again for the French fleet. He wants it for a sea attack on Alexandria to clear the way for Rommel, and invasion straight on into the Near Eastern oil fields. . . . The Chinese are again getting supplies from Russia, including much captured German ammunition. It fits Chinese guns. (Chinese army was originally trained by Germans.) So many a Jap is being brought down by bullets made in nazi land.

The foolproof test of Chinese for Jap fifth columnists requires inspection inside the big toe. If a callous is found there, the man is arrested. At home, all Japs formerly wore sandals, the straps of which fit inside the big toe. Resulting telltale callouses last many years.

Mr. Roosevelt's goal of keeping our sea avenues of communications open is being fully achieved. Even the one to Vladivostok is still open.

When Commerce Secretary Jesse Jones was in Texas recently, a movement was started to transfer his export-import bank to the economic warfare board (Wallace.) Jones came back in time to stop it, but the New Dealers are still after him on this and many other varied fronts.

Ye Poets Corner

Crocuses

Running on tiptoe
Through ragged grass,
Crocuses sturdy
Jauntily pass.
Thrusting gay colored
Umbrellas high
Of purple and golden
Rainbow dye.
Arrayed single file
And in riotous patches
They tumble about
As the jealous wind snatches
And shakes them. With glee
They go chasing after,
Unheeding the cause
Of his boisterous laughter—
Their lovely umbrellas so proudly unpinned,
Are blown wrong side out by the blustery wind!

—Virginia Loomis.

The secret service was established by congress in 1864 to suppress counterfeiting. It did not take over the job of guarding the president until after the assassination of William McKinley in 1901.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Trade Barrier Pact Important

Northwest Knows Ills to Result

Publicity Agents Overrun Capital

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 11.—In the rush of war news there escaped general attention to the fact that the United States and Great Britain have signed an agreement to reduce trade barriers and tariffs and attain all the objectives set forth in the Charter of the Atlantic, the document signed by Winston Churchill and Franklin Delano Roosevelt on the deck of a battleship Aug. 11, 1941. This important agreement was eclipsed by dispatches relating General MacArthur's defense of Bataan peninsula, the sinking of oil tankers off the Atlantic coast by German submarines, the argument of what should be done with Japanese on the Pacific coast.

The brief but somewhat sensational bulletins from the multi-war front were of transitory import; this new compact between the United States and Great Britain is a permanent thing and intended as the first step in the program of the "four freedoms." There was considerable parsley scattered on the agreement, more ornamental than useful, such as a stipulation that Great Britain will return any war material obtained under the lend-lease act that still exists after the war and that the president shall ask to be returned. Other parsley: the United Kingdom will "continue to contribute to the defense of the United States and the strengthening thereof." (Britain sent a detachment of Tommies last week to New York wearing the Tam-o-Shanter—pardon, Balmoral—to contribute to the defense of Uncle Sam).

Gist of the compact is that the two nations, by appropriate international and domestic measures, will arrange for the production, employment and exchange and consumption of goods and "to the elimination of all forms of discriminatory treatment in international commerce." This program proposes throwing down the bars to importations from the United Kingdom, the United States and any other country wishing to join in the agreement. Within a short time conversations will be launched to determine how best this free trade proposal can be accomplished.

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FOR some nine years the Pacific northwest has known that the tariff is a local issue. The trade agreements (treaties) have consistently permitted the agricultural products of Canada, especially British Columbia, and the Latin American countries to invade the domestic market. Almost everything the northwest produces has felt this foreign competition, pears and apples, turkeys, beef, nuts, grain, lumber, shingles, wool, etc., while advantages under the trade agreements have gone to the industrial east. Nothing the congressional delegations could do, and they have filed innumerable briefs and submitted written protests in the department of state, could stay the hand of the powers that be.

The new compact proposes reducing, probably eliminating, all the restrictions remaining from the tariffs and any other trade barriers. It is something that will affect the economics of the northwest and place farmers and the lumber industry in direct competition with cheap foreign labor. However, there is no assurance at this time that the American scale of wages and scale of living after the war will remain at their present peak. This is something that those who signed the compact probably had in mind.

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THERE are 500 accredited newspaper correspondents in the national capital. On the government pay roll there are six times that number of paid publicity agents, their combined expense amounting to millions of dollars, and despite the shortage of paper, they turn out an uninterrupted stream of press releases.

Senator Tydings, Democrat of Maryland, and Rufus Holman, Republican of Oregon, have prepared a 24-page printed questionnaire which has been sent to every bureau chief demanding the name, salary, duties, number of press releases, office space occupied by each of the 3,000 press agents. It is common knowledge that scores of young men who would make good soldiers have sought shelter from combat forces by getting a job in one of the press bureaus, such as office of facts and figures, the army and navy press sections, and innumerable others. Senator Tydings hopes to smoke them out.

Motion picture actors (essential to defense, according to General Hershey) have come to the capital, been given a commission—usually lieutenant commander—and are in the publicity section. One such lieutenant commander is a keyhole columnist and has attacked various members of the senate. His status also is being investigated. It is not cricket for a member of the armed forces to go on the radio and make personal criticism of individual members of congress.

SILVER STAR

The Silver Star is awarded to each person who, while an officer or enlisted man in the Army of the United States is cited for gallantry in action and the citation was published in orders issued from the headquarters of a force commanded by, or which is the appropriate command of a general officer or issued by the War Department, which citation does not warrant the award of the Medal of Honor or Distinguished Service Cross. A bronze star in the center thereof a raised silver star, the center lines of all rays of both stars coinciding. The reverse to have the inscription "For gallantry in action" and a space for the name of the recipient. It is suspended by a silk moire ribbon in stripes of blue, white and red.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LIEUTENANT Governor General Hubertus van Mook arrives in Australia today (Monday) from Java. He has with him a party of Dutch officials, both civil and military. They took off from Java, the dispatches tell us, from the last strip of runway available.

Arriving in Australia, he says: "We are here to collect all the forces we can get together to CONTINUE the struggle."

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THAT is by this time an old story.

It was thus that a little remnant of Poles gathered after the fall of their country to continue the struggle.

Likewise Holland Dutch. And Belgians. And Norwegians. And Yugoslavs. And Greeks. And Free French. Now the East Indies Dutch.

All had DEFENDED their countries.

In each of these cases, the strategy of defense has failed.

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WHY?

In an effort to answer that pertinent question, let's do a little historical thinking.

It may be good for us.

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THE machine gun, by multiplying the fire power of the defenders unbelievably, gave the advantage to the defense. World war No. 1 was essentially a war of defense, fought from trenches and pillboxes.

Against these deadly instruments of defense, the Germans wore themselves out and were eventually driven back and compelled to give up.

The success of the defense, made possible by the multiplied fire power of the machine gun, gave rise to a DEFENSIVE SCHOOL of military thinking.

By the beginning of this war, the defense was granted an advantage of at least three to one. That is to say, it was held that one soldier on the defense was the equal of THREE on the offense.

Some authorities put the defense advantage as high as four to one.

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THE Germans, wasting their strength against the deadly fire power of a successful defense, were finally beaten. But their military men didn't commit suicide. They stayed on.

Some of them STARTED THINKING.

Out of their thinking came a new concept of warfare based upon teamwork between the airplane, which is able to FLY OVER trenches and pill boxes and their machine guns, and the armored tank, which stops machine gun bullets.

This offensive team, backed up by trained infantry carried in motor vehicles and thus able to move swiftly from place to place, searching out the defenders' weak spot and striking hard, UPSET the advantage the machine gun and its terrific fire power had given to the defense.

Our first shock of amazement came when we learned how really small were the German forces that had shattered France.

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THERE is nothing new about this shift of advantage from the defense to the offense. Always men have sought to DEFEND themselves. Always emphasis in thinking has tended to fall most heavily on defense.

The phalanx was a device of defense. Upon its massed spears the defenders dashed themselves to death.

Body armor and walled castles were DEFENSE devices, which for a long period turned the advantage in favor of the defense.

Open order infantry and trained cavalry, schooled in OFFENSE, mastered the phalanx. Gunpowder, used in OFFENSIVE operations, mastered body armor and walled castles.

Just as the airplane-tank-motorized infantry team has mastered the machine gun and the pill box.

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THROUGHOUT the allied world today there is evidence of lost faith in the invincibility of the defense and RISING BELIEF that to win we must seize the OFFENSE.

There is historical warrant for this belief.

No lesson of history is plainer than the lesson that PURELY DEFENSIVE THINKING is fatal.

We don't know yet just HOW we're to seize the offensive, but the accumulated experience of centuries tells us we MUST seize it or we will be lost.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
March 11, 1932
(It was Friday)

Clues to Lindbergh baby kidnapers lead to Detroit. Many rumors circulated all prove false.

Adra Edwards is elected queen of school carnival.

President Von Hindenburg of Germany announces he will run for president to prevent civil war, and "take no lip from political upstarts."

Gov. Roosevelt gains inside track in race for democratic presidential nomination.

League of Nations offers a three-point plan for peace in Orient.

Oregon votes for prohibition repeal in Literary Digest poll of nation.

Hay scarce in Table Rock district.

Tomb of King Tut in Egypt opened, defying Pharodah's curse.

Cloudy and cooler. High 59, low 32 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
March 11, 1922
(It was Saturday)

France piqued by American demand for payment of war debt. Paris claims action will disrupt entire reparation system.

British arrest Mahatma Gandhi for sedition.

Farmers join gold mine strikers in South Africa. Bolsheviki war feared. Martial law declared.

Madalynne Obenchain, charged with the murder of her sweetheart, spends two days on witness stand in Los Angeles trial.

Revolution breaks out in Tripoli and Italian troops are surrounded.

Cold wind sweeps valley following snow and rain storm. High 54, low 37 degrees.

PLASTIC PLATES TALKED FOR CALIFORNIA AUTOS

Sacramento, Cal., March 11.—(AP)—The state may be forced to use plastic plates or windshield stickers in place of metal automobile license plates next year, Finance Director George Killion said today.

Metal probably won't be available for license plates, nor even in a quantity to obtain another supply of the strip covers which went into effect in California this year, Killion said.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to Classify 12:30 p. m.