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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A campaign has been launched

to prevent forest fires in Ore-

gon. When striking a match in the

woods this summer use your

head, the forest service asks.

Expert comment and editorial

dissemination in the Sunday pa-

pers voiced approval of the

adjournment of politics for the

duration of the war, with New

Deal social gains included. Gen.

Hugh Johnson expressed the

view, Harry Hopkins, a sort of

assistant president, elected to

nothing by the people, and re-

sponsible to nobody should

take a well-earned rest. It was

argued if the nation, can get

along without tires and sugar,

it can make it without Harry.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS

(Salem Capital-Journal)

"And there was where the

trouble started. Some of the

boys, not all, mind you, at-

tended Sunday school while

the season was on. But after

the championship game, they

sort of backslid. They forgot

to show up until it was time

to start practice for the next

season."

Next Friday is the birthday

of Lorenzo Dow Fry of Phoenix,

and H. Flewler, the demon

baker, who taught March how

to go out like a lion.

The wildest tribes in the world

inhabit New Guinea. They sure

are, and proving it. They are

now battling the Japanese in-

vasaders, the United Nations de-

fenders, the native police and

each other.

Atty. B. McAllister came out

for the lower house Sat. and

another 60 days in Salem, that

will be attenuated to 92.

The Older Girls have started

spring housecleaning, causing

dirt and husbands to fly, and

tarry not in the doing.

Siskiyou county, Calif., has

started a war on squirrels, on

the grounds they destroy food

and are partners of Hitler et al.

They figure it is better to kill

the squirrels now, than await

the day when their natural in-

stincts will catch up with Adolf.

"Evidently feeling it hasn't

enough to do, the government

has set out to tell women how

they must dress."—(Great Bend

(Kan.) Tribune)—Try anything

once attitude.

"SUGAR PRICES TO HOLD

UP, REPORT"—(Hillside Pendle-

ton East Oregonian)—Like tour-

ist trade 'holding up nicely'.

RUGGED JOURNALISM

"Again this week we are con-

fronted in the dutiful dailies

with that silly annual picture

of Sheriff Burk and Manager

Hamilton of the P. G. E. com-

pany, both grinning like morons,

while Hamilton hands Burk a

check for this year's P. G. E.

company taxes. The caption

under the picture assures the

reader, as always, that P. G. E.

company is the largest taxpayer

in the county. It is also the largest

so-and-so.—(Capitol News).

SALES RISE

San Francisco (AP)—An Ex-

pected slump in gasoline sales in

California as the result of rub-

ber and auto rationing has turned

into an increase. Consumption

of January exceeding that of

January 1941, according to a

survey by the Western States

Promotion council.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9

a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30

p. m.

Too Bad!

This department has always had the highest regard for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,—no citizen in the country, high or low, man or woman, has been more unselfishly devoted to the country's welfare.

And taking her record as a whole, in the role of First Lady of the Land, she has been a wholesome and beneficial influence, as well as of material political aid to the Democratic party.

But something seems to have happened to "Eleanor" of late. Whether the strain of her abnormally active life is beginning to tell, and she is sorely in need of a rest or whether her judgment has never been of the best, but has hitherto escaped any crucial test which revealed it,—we don't know.

But this we DO know.

Since the turn of the year Mrs. Roosevelt has appeared at a great disadvantage in her nation-wide broadcasts, and taken positions on important questions, which we are sure all her true friends and well wishers sincerely regret.

THE first instance was Mrs. Roosevelt's impassioned defense of the "fan dancer" technique in the realm of civilian defense, on the ground that all the trouble was forced by "malefactors of great wealth"—the privileged few against the welfare of the many,—or words to that effect.

As if this familiar class-prejudice wheeze had ANY proper place in the picture, or its introduction the slightest excuse!

THEN last night Mrs. Roosevelt saw fit to take on various commentators and news broadcasters, who have deplored the lack of vigorous and clear cut leadership in Washington, during the present serious crisis.

The First Lady of the Land took the extraordinary position that in a democracy leadership rests NOT upon those in high office or any favored individuals, but upon the common people themselves,—the rank and file, the plain folks, who, unless we entirely misunderstood the speaker, must now not only do the fighting and dying, in the trenches, but WITH flags waving lead the charge against the enemy ramparts and determine the strategy at G.H.Q.

THIS is not only untrue but the exact reverse of the truth. Imagine the plight of England, if the personal and entirely individual leadership of Winston Churchill were lacking! In time of war the fate of a democracy rests entirely upon the quality of its leadership.

And one can't be in Washington, D. C., 24 hours without FEELING,—and acutely feeling,—the absence of similar definite clear cut leadership in the capitol of the United States at the present time.

It's too bad. Not that Mrs. Roosevelt should NOT do everything in her power to aid her husband and support the administration, at such a critical time as this; but that she should, on so many important issues present such a weak and unconvincing case!

Sounds Fantastic, But--

Did the report not come from Chungking, China, and from a Communist paper published there it could be dismissed as merely fantastic Japanese propaganda.

But from such a source, even though it still sounds fantastic the Japanese publicity department at least can hardly be responsible for it.

THIS Communist journal maintains Japan is gathering together a polyglot army of 10 million men, consisting of Chinese, Koreans, Formosans and what have you, which in due course will fall on the Russians in Siberia, while the Germans attack the Muscovite colossus, in the west. Thus Stalin will have what he has so strenuously worked to avoid, a war on two fronts.

One might inquire how an army of such size could be equipped on land or in the air and how effective ANY army of Chinese and Koreans would be against the Russians or anyone else, when directed by officers of a nation they fear and detest.

No,—one simply can't credit such a sensational report, regardless of the source.

BUT it may be worthy of consideration from another angle. Undoubtedly Japan is working night and day, to inject the racial issue into the conflict in the Far East, and persuade all the brown and yellow brothers that in fighting against the allied nations they are fighting AGAINST the dictatorship and oppression of the white race.

There is this danger not only in all the East Indies and the Philippines, but in India itself,—yes and in Arabia and the Near East,—whipping up a war within a war to drive the "White Foreign Devils" out. It certainly behooves the united nations, particularly the Anglo-Saxon branch to lean over backwards in the determination to exhibit no prejudice against any nation because of the color of its skin, while the war is on.

And it makes no difference whether the precise color is yellow, brown or black!

Senator McNary and the War

Senator McNary is right when, in formally announcing his candidacy for re-election he declares winning the war, must at this time, take precedence over everything else.

And in further stating that "neither profits, service charges, social gains nor any other factor should be permitted to stand in the way of the effort, our senior senator is also entirely correct.

HOWEVER, we doubt if the war issue will prove to be the prime cause of Senator McNary's re-

turn to Washington for another term—and his fifth.

In all likelihood all candidates will be for the war and its successful prosecution this year. Where Senator McNary will have it over his opponents like a tent will be his high position of prestige and power in Washington, and the certainty this will be retained, regardless of whether the administration may continue Democratic or go Republican.

YES,—"Charley" McNary is one of ten or twelve most influential men in Washington and regardless of the future political complexion of the country, so he will remain, as long as he lives, and retains his present seat in the Upper House.

We predict there will be few voters in Oregon who will care to deprive Oregon of this great asset, merely on the grounds of personal or partisan feeling,—and only on such grounds as we see it, would opposition to him be justified.

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.

NEXT TIME WE LIVE

Professional man, father of four sons, was prompted to write by article published recently,



about the young woman who had recently taken her first drink and contemplated going in for more or less regular or serious drinking, which she thought might help her socially.

Oh! Doc Brady told the young woman off—not without sympathy, I hope, but such cases always nettles the old fellow.

The professional man says: I have never used tobacco or liquor. I have raised four sons. Two of them are well down the liquor road this young woman of whom you wrote is traveling, the third is just starting. From this experience I conclude a father should raise two sets of children. After seeing the first set go to tobacco and alcohol, he might be strenuous enough with pledges and advice to get the second set to leave tobacco and alcohol alone. Parents who do not use these stimulants take too much for granted until it is too late.

With the professional man's permission we'll leave the tobacco out of it. No child not yet able to support himself or herself or old enough to vote should be permitted to have, buy, sell, receive or give away tobacco, in my opinion, but I believe the fight against alcohol is weakened if we attempt to make it cover tobacco too. Tobacco impairs health and vitality, especially in youth, but it is no more comparable with alcohol than a cup of tea or coffee is with opium or cocaine. I believe the W. C. T. U. and other temperance organizations would get more cooperation if they kept their views on tobacco out of the picture.

I wonder if it really is "too late" for the father to do something for the third son who, he says, is just starting down the liquor road. How does the father stand with his children? Do they respect him and love him as children naturally respect and love a good father?

If he is a good father why in the world can't he take that third son in his arms and exact a solemn pledge from him right now, before the booze gets the boy addicted? If the boy is just starting in to drink, timely action by his father, or by his mother if there is a mother, ought to save him if he has any honor or manhood in him. Of course father or mother, exacting a pledge against the use of alcoholic beverage or liquor, must have the respect and love of the child, the son or daughter, who takes the pledge.

This professional man may have meant to be a good father, but his alibi sounds weak. No parent should require such a sad object lesson in his home to make him realize that it is his sacred duty to exact a solemn pledge from every one of his children against the use of alcoholic beverage or liquor, and to ask a solemn or formal renewal of that pledge on some special occasion (birthday, for example) each year until the child comes of age.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Army Food

Have recently recovered from gastric ulcer of two years' standing. Have been drafted for the army. What are the chances that army food will bring recurrence of the ulcer? (C. M. D.)

Answer—The army food is rather less likely to bring recurrence than the average home diet.

Baby Snore

Nine months old baby snores very heavily all night and it worries me. (A. G.)

Answer—Probably large tonsils, possibly large thymus. You should have the doctor examine the baby's throat and chest.

Salt and Obesity

What ill effects are due to eating too much salt? How much salt should a normal person have daily? (Mrs. S. H. W.) I am overweight. (S. H. W.)

Answer—Too much salt encourages overeating and overdrinking, keeps too much water in the blood and tissues, tends to cause obesity and flabbiness and chronic tired feeling. If you add no salt to food at table or in cooking, you will get enough in meat, milk, fish, eggs. At least do not have salt cellar on table. Send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address for booklet "Rules for Reducing."

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not mean much except for labor leaders. It is all up to your local draft board, and no doubt the boards will differ widely in their rulings on individual cases.

Draft General Hershey wrote a letter to all state draft directors urging exemption of labor leaders (as well as management liaison men with labor) in order to keep "harmonious relations" on the production front. That was not an order, but it will be binding. As for radio-movie actors, Hershey merely wrote a letter to a California director (no other else) saying Lowell McEllett, the administration movie director, considered the industry as a war essential. This is not apt to be binding. Where the news-men got into this select group, nobody knows. Hershey said something about it being a war essential at a press conference, and of course the press as a whole, is essential. Newspapers cannot be abandoned. But each draft board will decide for itself whether particular individuals in the industry are indispensable to it.

AS for the new 45 to 64 draft, no one seems to know anything for sure. Mr. Roosevelt said General Hershey ought to know, and the general said he did not. Jurisdictional dispute as to who is to handle this draft of older men for industry (not for the army) has long been going on between Labor Adviser Hillman, Social Securtist Paul McNutt and Labor Secretary Perkins. They have been getting together, then falling apart on the matter for some time, and exact information apparently must wait until they have been coordinated or suppressed.

WHAT will be done next year and thereafter depends much on what happens this spring in Russia and elsewhere. If the army is to be raised to 8,000,000 or 10,000,000 then nearly all the able-bodied available non-defense workers will be eventually picked from the 26,000,000 persons who have registered this far (17,000,000 originally and 9,000,000 additional last week).

TALK about labor leaders, radio-movie actors and newspapermen being exempt, does

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Need Quick Action

On Alien Property

Eye Milk Weed

As Rubber Source

Western Mining

Efforts Spurred

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 23—It is dawning upon officials in Washington that quick action must be taken with the property of aliens in the northwest or there will be a heavy loss. Many of the aliens, particularly the Japanese, have growing crops requiring immediate attention. Arrangements will have to be made to get such crops cultivated and marketed if loss of values is to be avoided. Oregon, Washington and Idaho have many such problems and a great volume of correspondence is already setting in with requests for action. More detailed information about this will be furnished soon by those placed in charge.

For the immediate problem involving property of 120,000 Japanese, German and Italian aliens of the Pacific coast the Federal Reserve bank at San Francisco has charge. The assumption is that when the current emergency is passed the handling of alien property will go to the custodian. Branches of the Federal Reserve bank will probably designate appointees for handling specific districts and areas.

And while there is confusion over what to do with property of the Japanese, a measure has been introduced in congress to deprive the children of Japanese parents who have been born in the United States of their citizenship. The Civil Liberties union is expected to leap to the defense of the Nisei.

IN the general search for rubber supplies Senator McNary has asked the department of agriculture to make a study of the possibility of securing rubber from the ordinary milk weed, which can be found anywhere in the northwest. Some experts have informed the senator that they believe there is a potential rubber source in this nuisance weed that is found on every farm and along the roadside. Dr. Paul J. Kolachov, a Russian born scientist, now of Kentucky, advises that the Soviets have a rubber-bearing dandelion called "koksagyz" from which they supply a part of their needs. The seed can be planted in April and there will be tires in October, according to Kolachov. The yield of rubber from the dandelion is between 150 and 200 pounds an acre. Dr. Kolachov says the koksagyz can be cultivated in all the northwest states; in fact, in all but six states of the United States. The rubber is in the root and the latex yield is 27 percent. It is possible that under the lend-lease act, in reverse, Russia may send some of the dandelion seed to this country.

ASSISTANT Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman is making a tour of the eleven western states with a group of mining engineers for the purpose of encouraging development of new mining properties for the production of copper, chromite, zinc, lead, denadium, tungsten and aluminum clays. This tour is intended to stimulate larger domestic production of these essential and strategic materials. It is interesting to note that for the past eleven months there has been pending before the production control authorities petitions for opportunity to produce zinc and chromite ores and some other critical metals included in Mr. Chapman's list.

Only recently did WPB organize its work in such shape as to stimulate production of chromite ores from smaller properties. When Earl K. Nixon, director of the department of geology and mineral industries in Oregon, was placed in charge of chromite production in the northwest, a positive forward step was taken to reach the extended chromite deposits of that area. This was accomplished only after months of effort. Next step is to build access roads to the "diggings."