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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Democratic candidates for the legislature are so scarce this year, the higher-ups are thinking of drafting three citizens to make the sacrifice, even if they won't go if elected.

Wednesday will be All Fool- ed Day, and several impractical jokes will be perpetrated.

The juvenile element rejoiced three days last week as there was no school while the Czar and Czarinas of the classrooms attended a convention in the metropolis.

Royal Brown and Frank Brown of E. Pt. towed Thurs- Bill had to stay home and ten the store. The coming of the cantonment has made a beehive of activity out of him.

Dewey Hill, the Prospect hired man, has gone south for a spell.

The Older Girls await Easter next Sunday all a-twitter, as they fear rain, and some other woman will have a hat like theirs.

Considerable excitement was caused the first of the week by the news, a captain of in- dustry had given his stenog- rapher \$39,000 in pay and bon- us last year. This is a hand- some sum. The photo of the lady indicated she was nice looking, but several remarked they would have found a prettier one to give it too.

There was a flurry of snow Tues. am. causing Californians here to yell "Hoorsay! Just like Los Angeles!"

Rural residents are now feast- ing on mustard greens, and fresh side pork, a diet that will put fat on their ribs.

H. Flewther, the demon baker, and first aid bandaging model, sustained an imaginary broken left leg, at a practicing session Wed. and had his right arm tied up tighter than a Bundle for Britain.

Politics are still tamer than a kitten in Jackson county. It caused many to recall the stir- ring days, when a major por- tion of the population was throwing the good fit, in Grange halls and on street corners, and running for something.

The Dick Isaacs boy, 4, is running around in a sailor suit, and has a fine pair of sea legs under him.

The Espee section has fixed the 6th st. crossing and so far no autoist has tried to use it, the same time as a locomotive.

Andrew Jackson Simpson, 72, whose democracy has been curdling the past eight years, reports prehistoric monsters with spinal columns like cross- cut saws, once roamed the sides of Roxy Ann, and met their master when they wandered into the Agate desert sticky.

The east fence of C. Wig Ash- pole was flattened by a passing motorist ten days ago. His boy Chuck has a birthday next month.

After tomorrow there will be no more cuffs on pants. Bill Bates, the tonsorialist, has been without them for years.

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

More "Wishful Thinking?"

We are asked if Friday's editorial regarding the possibility of Hitler having been defeated when he attacked Russia, in June 1941, doesn't come under our own definition of "wishful thinking". It does. It represents a "wish", and is entirely speculative, hypothetical.

In fact Hitler may win the war this summer, the decisive factor being Russia's defeat. In this cockeyed war ANYTHING may happen!

BUT viewing ALL the facts and ALL the angles, it IS our considered judgment that when this war's last picture is painted, it may well be clear that Der Reichsfuehrer's fatal blunder was his attack on Russia.

Even if Russia planned to attack Germany EVENTUALLY, Stalin would never have ordered an attack in 1941, and probably would not have considered his country ready for an all-out offensive this year.

As a result, had Hitler decided to establish a new precedent and keep his word, as far as Russia was concerned, devote 1941 and 1942 exclusively to the destruction of Britain, is there much doubt he would have succeeded?

And then when Stalin might have been ready to strike, and the United States as well, Hitler would have been in control of all western Europe, the surrounding oceans as well, with no British army or fleet on his flank, and only Russia and an enemy on the other side of the world to fear.

YES this can be classified as "wishful thinking", the first portion from the allied, the latter from the Axis, standpoint.

This department seldom indulges in it. Our only complaint is, and has been, that too many people in the allied countries indulge in it all the time.

Censorship Item

Newspaper men run into many puzzling things in this man's war. There is, for example, a strict censor- ship rule that no mention of troop or naval move- ments should be made, without official sanction.

Nothing could be more reasonable,—or in war time more necessary.

Yet in Saturday's regular A. P. report came this dispatch with a London date line:

London, March 28.—Reuters, British news agency, reported hearing the Rome radio say today that "a major British naval force passed the Cape of Good Hope (southern- most Africa) on its way to the Indian ocean."

The broadcast was quoted further:

"The force included two large battleships, two aircraft carriers, several cruisers and smaller ships."

Reuters is the best known news agency in Europe; the dispatch has all the superficial earmarks of authenticity.

And yet if this news is correct, we can imagine nothing that would be more helpful to the enemy—in this case Japan.

A considerable portion of the Japanese battle fleet recently moved into the Bay of Bengal. Imagine how the Admiral in command would welcome the news that "a major British naval force" en route to the Indian ocean has cleared the Cape of Good Hope!

SO the overworked telegraph editor is faced with this dilemma:

Did this dispatch, through some serious slip-up escape the British censor and therefore should it be killed. Or,—

Is it a fake to throw a scare into the Japanese, and perhaps delay any all-out naval attack on India, while Jap preparations for "welcoming" this mythical British armada are made?

Barring a "kill" from London, the latter interpre- tation will be the likely one, and the news item will go through. But it does involve a certain brain strain.

Better Take an Aspirin

Senator Truman of Missouri has done some splen- did work as head of the "war-probe" committee,—he has been diligent, industrious and unafraid.

Equally important, he has been restrained and temperate,—in marked contrast to his fellow "opera- tive," the publicly-loving Congressman Dies.

One views with surprise, therefore, if not actual alarm, the Missouri solon's use of the damaging term "treason" in regard to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and its dealings with Nazi Germany.

IT may be true the eastern branch of Standard Oil, cooperated with Nazi interests in the construction of an aviation gasoline plant in Germany, and even gave facts concerning "Butyl" rubber, to the German "IG" company and not to the United States and England.

But it should also be borne in mind that all these dealings were carried on, before the war in Europe started; and before that war ALL American oil com- panies worked far more closely with Germany's petrol researchers than with those of any other foreign country.

IN other words, assuming all the charges filed against Standard Oil of New Jersey are true,—and we have little doubt they are,—applying the term, or even intimating "treason", is wholly unwar- ranted.

Since war later developed, the aid thus given Ger- many is extremely unfortunate; but it can no more be classified as treasonable or criminal than any other trade relations with Germany before World War No. 2 started, carried on by ANY U. S. concern, large or small.

If Senator Truman has been correctly quoted,—

one of the many radio broadcasters employed the term, so he may not have been,—it is to be hoped he will take a few days off, say at Atlantic City, and not fail to take some aspirin tablets with him!

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.

B COMPLEX FOR THE LITTLE STRANGER

Nutrition authorities now generally agree that the everyday diet of most people (poor, middle or well-to-do) in this country is deficient in calcium, phosphorus, iron, vitamin D and vitamin B complex. The movement to "enrich" white flour by adding certain synthetic B complex factors (such as B₁, or thiamin) and nicotinic acid and iron appears to be petering out at present, but anyway it was a gesture that indicated how conscious our nutrition authorities are of the faulty nutrition of the majority of our people.

"Enriching" white flour by adding such vitamin factors and mineral elements to it would be only a partial restoration at best—after all it is rather silly to go to all the expense of removing such components of wheat in the process of milling and re- fining, and then go to all the additional expense of "restor- ing" some of the nutrients so removed, isn't it?

It is a great deal simpler and far better for human nutrition and well being to rescue a bag, a bushel, half-bushel, peck or even a few pounds of plain wheat before it gets to the mill, of at least some of the items of take it home and eat it in place your daily diet made largely of refined white flour. I hesitate to mention the many health benefits one may derive from eating plain wheat, lest the uninitiated reader assume I have gone daft about it. But the reasons for eating plain wheat and wheat germ are set forth, along with tested recipes, in a pam- phlet I am glad to send any one who asks for it ("Wheat to Eat") and provides a stamped envel- ope bearing his address.

Although everybody could do with an increased intake of nat- ural vitamin B complex (in which wheat is rich) probably no one needs it more than the little stranger in the 280 days before he or she arrives to take command of the household. It is of utmost importance, there- fore, that the prospective mother shall have an optimal daily in- take of vitamin B complex in one form or another, not only for her own well being but for the well being of the little stranger.

Here perhaps we should quote a paragraph from the booklet, "Preparing for Maternity":

"If the prospective mother fails to get enough vitamin B complex she herself is more like- ly to suffer with pernicious vom- iting, polyneuritis and anemia; weakness and retardation of uterine contractions in labor; failure of lactation. The baby is more likely to have congenital pyloric obstruction (stenosis), ac- cording to Moore, Brodie, Den- nis, Hope and others."

Finally, it is my opinion that the chief underlying cause of that common complaint or func- tional weakness or bad habit, constipation, is deficiency of vitamin B complex.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Stains
Difficult to remove stains from clothing of three months old baby. Doctor's wife suggested soaking diapers in mild chlorine solution, but I want to be sure this will not irri- tate baby's skin. (Mrs. W. G.)

Answer—A veritable suggestion—use one of the common kitchen or laun- dry bleaching or whitening fluids (they are usually hypochlorite solu- tions) according to directions on the bottle. After clothing is bleached rinse away all remaining chlorine with clear warm water. Of course it can be used for removing stains from white cloths only—decolorizes col- ored goods.

The Calcium Shortage
Soon after beginning to take cal- cium and vitamin D as described in your pamphlet, my chronic "rheu- matism" (forgive an old lady's ig- norance) began to leave my hands and knees. Now after three months of it I am apparently quite free from any trouble. (Mrs. M.M.E.)

Answer—Thank you. Pamphlet "The Calcium Shortage" mailed on request. Enclose stamped envelope bearing address.

Excellent Doctor
I want to thank you for referring me to Dr. _____ who treated me so successfully for piles and a fistula. The treatments never gave me any serious discomfort and I kept right on with my regular work. Dr. _____ is a kind gentleman and an excel- lent doctor. (M. A. L.)

Answer—I don't know the doctor personally but I know that many of our readers have found him as capable as you say he is. On request, if the correspondent sends stamped envelope bearing his address, I'll send a pamphlet "It is Stupid to Suffer From Piles". If I know a physician in your community who is skilled in the ambulant treatment I'll name him, on request.

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capital put up \$500,000 to pur- chase ground and equipment needed to build the plant. Then application was made to RFC for a loan of approximately the same amount, to be retired on a five-year basis. This has been held up for months and after checking and rechecking it is still in the air. No one knows whether the changing policy of the government ("behind the mountains") will permit the operation of a steel plant on the lower Columbia.

Conditions In China Told By Missionary At Baptist Meeting

Conditions in free China and the Chinese relief program were reviewed by Mrs. Louis Camp- bell who addressed the Rogue River Baptist association confer- ence here Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Campbell, a missionary in south China for 30 years, spoke of the work now going on there. One of the chief tasks of the missionaries, she said, is the distribution of relief funds. She stated that the missions are being utilized much by the gov- ernment and refugees are being cared for in the girls' schools.

Mrs. Campbell, who is staying with relatives in Phoenix while awaiting an opportunity to re- turn to the field, has been su- perintendent and teacher in a mission 130 miles from Canton. She spoke in Ashland Thurs- day night and in Grants Pass Friday relative to the China relief campaign in this area.



WHAT MAKES WILD WAVES WILD?—Three of Mama's darling daughters get close—but not too close—to the waters of Santa Monica, Cal., in this antidote for depre- ing war news. Left to right are Martha O'Driscoll, Susan Hayward and Barbara Britton, all of whom have something to do with the movies. Suits look rather gay this season.

Communications

At the Forks of the Road?
To the Editor:

I wish to heartily commend your editorial, "Is Labor Control Unpatriotic?" in this eve- ning's issue. It is timely, and right to the point. And it should be laid upon every congressional desk.

Do these union racketeers al- ready feel strong enough to con- trol congress by threats? And are they deliberately utilizing this critical war situation to in- crease their power regardless of the public welfare, and to seize advantages that they could not obtain during peace? And if we continue to pamper and coddle them just to keep "peace in the family" for the duration, what will their powers be when this war is over?

Congress would not then dare to pass any law, however just, that displeased these union lead- ers. The Supreme Court would not dare to hand down any de- cision that did not suit them, and the president would make no move disapproved by them.

Would that be government by the proletariat? Far from it. It would be government by a union oligarchy, with the proletariat as mere helpless pawns, as helpless as Russian peasants or German farmers.

This cleavage between AFL and CIO is as thin as tissue paper, and at the appointed and psychological moment will sud- denly disappear, and unionism present a solid front to defy both government and people.

If congress should now pass some law, in the public interest, restricting union demands for the duration who would start this supposed riot or rebellion? Not the well paid worker, nor living well and banking a neat surplus. He would leave well enough alone. If that rebellion is ever started, it will be by Green, Murray, Lewis and Co. because they already feel strong- er than congress, stronger than the supreme court, stronger than the president, stronger than the people of the U. S. A.

Brazenly threatening congress with wide-spread national trou- ble, if any law is passed plac- ing any restriction on the unions, comes dangerously near being treason, especially at such a critical time as this.

England is in a desperate struggle on four continents and on every sea, but does not find that any reason for giving a free hand to the subversive elements at home. And if Uncle Sam does, it will be to his lasting sorrow and loss.

EDWIN DEACON,
Mar. 29, 1942. Talent, Ore.

BOOBY TRAPS AND BOOM BISCUITS IN PATH OF UNWARY

New Defense Against Tank Attacks Designed Break Treads, Disable Machine.

(Wide World Features)
"Boom Biscuits" deadlier than anything an absent-minded bride ever whipped up on her first try are the newest defense against tank attacks. Boom biscuits are anti-tank mines, er- roneously called land mines.

Anti-tank mines are biscuit- shaped. They're spread thickly—the thicker the better—in the path of a threatened tank ad- vance. The weight of an ar- mored vehicle sets them off.

The Germans are using a large mine, intended to destroy the tank and kill its crew. The U. S. and other nations favor a smaller "biscuit," designed to break tank treads and stop it, so it's a pot-shot for anti-tank gunners.

Advantage of the smaller mine is that more can be car- ried by field transport facilities, and threatened areas can be more thickly "planted."

Engineers go to great lengths to conceal their mines. Freshly- dug earth is left where there are no mines. If a tank jockey takes the bait and drives over apparently undisturbed ground nearby, it's booms-a-daisy and wire his folks.

The mines can't bet set off by a soldier walking over them. The engineers explain there's no use wasting that much powder to get a man.

They have deadly little practical jokes—the exploding cigar is their grand-pappy—that they use against troops. They're of- ficially tagged as personnel mines—soldiers know them as booby traps. Tins of food, sou- venirs, pump handles, light switches, drawers, loose boards, in fact anything the unwary soldier might pick up or touch, may set them off.

What are properly called land mines were often used in the last war. They were tons of ex- plosive placed at the end of tunnels dug under enemy posi- tions by sappers. (Explosive charges set off by engineers to destroy roads and bridges are also called land mines.)

Sometimes the enemy sappers outsmarted the original diggers and dug a second tunnel under the first one, and set off their explosives first. The tunnel technique hasn't been used in this war. In these days of high- ly mobile troops, ground units don't hold still long enough.

ASK GOLD PRIORITY

Sacramento, Calif., March 28.—(AP)—California gold miners plan to petition federal authori- ties for favorable priority rat- ings in an effort to avert a situation that they say might make ghost towns of the state's mining communities.

ADMIRAL'S DEATH LEAP

Denver, March 28.—(AP)—Rear Admiral John R. Y. Blakely, 69, retired, was killed instantly to- day in a leap from the fifth floor of Fitzsimons General hospital.

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 29, 1932
(It was Tuesday)
Legion drummers start drill- ing for spring campaign.

Hopes now high for return of kidnapped Lindbergh baby.

Rep. LaGuardia (R., N. Y.) called a socialist by Oregonian resents "the slur" in house.

Spring football practice starts at high school.

Ford V-8 is announced and will be on display here soon.

Five Republicans file for county judgeship.

Rain predicted; high 60, low 35 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

March 29, 1922
(It was Wednesday)
Leaders deny President Hard- ing and congress at loggerheads.

A daughter is born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Y. Tengwald.

Road to Prospect in good con- dition.

Sen. McNary promises aid to frost survey and irrigation in the valley.

Jake Schaefer retains billiard title by defeating Willie Hoppe.

Fire on South Grape street destroys two frame buildings, and threatens Liberty building. Loss \$12,000.

Prospect

Prospect, March 28.—(Sp)—Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clement took their little son Larry to a Medford hospital; Monday as he is ill with pneumonia.

Lee Merriman started another first aid class in the high school building the evening of March 27.

Barrett Randall, an attorney from Beaverton, attended to business mat- ters here for a couple of days the first of the week and renewed acquaint- ances with old Douglas county neigh- bors now living here.

Franklin Artimire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Artimire, has been con- fined to his bed for several days with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gaines and son Jerry were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummons and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marsh at Klamath Falls over the week-end.

George Reed, music instructor for the local school, was called to Med- ford for his army physical examina- tion Thursday.

W. C. T. U. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Leslie Dunagan, Tuesday. After the business session, several readings were given by dif- ferent members. Mrs. Dunagan served refreshments later to Mrs. Dee Hedgcock, Mrs. Nelson Nye, Mrs. James Dole, Mrs. Battle Clark, Mrs. Joe Phillips and Miss Ward.

Dale Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Chapman, is ill at his home here. His parents took him to Medford for medical attention, Tues- day.

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