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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Nothing is heard of the 'silent vote' these days in Oregon. At no other time has it been so full of silence, and some candidates claim they can hear it.

Congressmen report there is nothing phoney, as alleged, about the letters they received from home, wherein constituents peel the hide off their dignity. The people are mad at the President, the Senate, the House, the Cabinet, the British, the 'pressure groups,' rubber stamp stooges, in fact, everybody but Gen. MacArthur. And, they hint of wrath to come if any shenanigan, is cooked up in Washington, D. C., to darken his glory.

LITTLE WOMAN BRISTLES
(Coo's Bay Times)

"As married men freely admit, there is more fight in the feminine contingent than most of us at first had been led to believe, and so it is with unanimous satisfaction that we find this quality at last turned into constructive channels to help win the nation's war."

The tin shortage has caused a national concern to unfurl a slogan, stating its product has 'Not Gone With the Tin.' It is no relation to a popular price of happier days known as Run-Tin-Tin.

Several citizens confess they have the Spring fever, heretofore classified as inability to 'shake-off the flu,' contracted last October.

The ukase to drive 40 miles per hour, was widely observed yes, by vehicles only able to make 30.

On the Chinese, Russian, United Nations, and Philippine fronts, the Axis was diligently slapped about over the weekend, while in London Britishers massed and demanded a second front be opened against Mr. Hitler. There was the usual official gloom about the course of events, while an old propaganda friend of World War I bobbed up, viz: "It's their leaders—not the German people, who are to blame!"

The fair sex are now riding bicycles, brand new and shining, with the riders garbed in slacks. It will be a long day, when a gal is noted on a one-way street, languidly pedalling along, in a Mother Hubbard, with a sun bonnet cocked over one ear.

FIRST AIDERS' NOTE

Lady, if you see me lying On the ground and (maybe) dying,
Let my gore run, bright and free;
Don't attempt to bandage me. While there's life, there's hope, so, pet,
Don't apply a tourniquet;
Do not give for my salvation, "Artificial respiration!"
Do not stretch my bones or joints,
Do not press my "pressure points!"
If "queer symptoms" you should see
Don't experiment on me If I'm suffering from "shock," Take a walk around the block! If you must be busy, pray,
Help to "keep the crowds away!"
So, whatever my condition,
Phone at once for a physician! Let me lie; I'll take a chance Waiting for the ambulance! From "First Aid" I beg release— Lady, let me die in peace!
—(Red Cross Mag)

Cock-Eyed Censorship

Only a few days ago this column was headed by a timely but somewhat playful paragraph entitled: "Sprig, Sprig, Beautiful Sprig!" But it never saw the light of day. For the local censor ordered its liquidation because it violated the rule that there should be no public mention of the weather, until 48 hours after.

But now we observe, on the front page of the esteemed Oregonian, not only a mention of a similar phenomenon in Washington, D. C., but a picture as well, showing three shivering hirelings shoveling large snowdrifts from the capitol steps.

HOW come?

A snow blanket in this original Garden of Eden, the last week of March was even more newsworthy than a blizzard in the District of Columbia a few days later; and yet it can't be done in the Rogue River valley while it can be at the seat of the U. S. government.

Something decidedly screwy here. If weather reports in the Mail Tribune would aid the Japs, certainly similar reports in the eastern press would aid the Germans,—and with 20 ships sunk off the Atlantic coast the past week by Nazi U-boats the situation there must be far more critical than the situation here.

WE are merely asking for information. Needless to say, we are perfectly willing to throw our editorial brain-children to the wolves of censorship any time one of the official by-laws is transgressed; but we would like to know whether or not there is one law for the east and another for the west.

COME come, Brother Censor, give us a break! It is bad enough to have the news report butchered and distorted, but when the editorial department can't comment on the weather General Sherman didn't tell the half of it!

What Happened?

Speaking of censorship what really happened at the port of St. Nazaire, France, last Friday night?

The first report came from Berlin, early Saturday morning, claiming a shattering defeat for the British, with four large British torpedo boats and nine smaller vessels destroyed, and over 100 prisoners taken, while no damage was done, the British dynamite-laden destroyer having been blown up by Nazi shore batteries before it came near the port.

For several hours London refused comment, then came out with the claim of a dramatic victory, (similar to the Zeebrugge assault in World War No. 1), an attack which wrecked Germany's main U-boat base for a year at least, when the aforesaid destroyer blew up against the main-lock gate, the British commandos, returning safely across the channel with the loss of less than 100 troops,—a triumph which was duly celebrated by the war office.

What really happened? Our own guess is the truth lies about half way between the two claims in this instance. We have no doubt the German U-boat base was seriously damaged for Berlin admits the commandos landed. We also have no doubt the British lost both ships and men, for extensive casualties are not denied.

India Promised Independence

Sir Stafford Cripp's offer to India seems fair enough. With Japan knocking at the gates of Bombay there can be no immediate change in the existing set-up. The war government in London must retain supreme control as long as the fighting lasts.

But after the war the cherished prize for which the East Indians have been fighting for a third of a century will be granted,—autonomy, alias self government, alias independence.

A type of dual autonomy is indicated,—self government for the 77,000,000 Moslems on one hand, the 240,000,000 Hindus on the other. States or provinces which do not wish to adhere to either, it is intimated, could by agreement with London, set up some sort of independence within the Indian union.

YES, it's fair enough and about as good as could be arranged. But it is doubtful if this eleventh hour offer changes the situation in India materially.

The Axis powers have been working diligently on India ever since the war started and what dissatisfaction could have been aroused, must be pretty well crystallized by this time.

On the other hand loyal Indians like Mahatma Gandhi, have been bitterly opposed to the Axis powers from the start, and while non-resistant in theory, the native fighting forces, within their ranks, certainly would fight to the death against invasion on the East or West, regardless of what post-war pledges might be made.

SO it is doubtful if this much publicized concession will change the real situation in India materially, one way or the other.

Britain was wise to remove all doubt. But Britain's real strength in the Mid-East has always been and is today the result of her skill tolerance and intelligence as a colonizer, and the complete absence of such qualities in Germany or Japan, added to the threat of an Axis conquest is the latter's great handicap.

No matter how the British yoke may have irked, or the desire for freedom grown, the rank and file in India certainly prefer a continuation of the status quo, to any chance of servitude under the Black Dragon of Nippon aided and abetted by the Nazis!

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.

IT TAKES TIME AND MAYBE LIFE TOO

It seems to me (says a critic) that you have now talked yourself into a corner in your absurd effort to popularize your term for the common and well understood term "cold." Your latest screed indicates that you are kidding yourself. You say that when a person calls his ailment "cold" he implies he does not know as yet just what is developing, and neither does any one else. Even a physician probably cannot tell at this stage what the trouble will prove to be. Measles, scarlet fever, pneumonia, influenza, "grip," infantile paralysis, epidemic meningitis, septic sore throat, diphtheria—it may be any one of these respiratory infections. It takes a day or two to find out. (Italics mine.) Right, and meanwhile, folks, please humor the champion health adviser by calling it by his meaningless pet name, won't you? (C. T. L.)

An excellent criticism. You are right about everything except the significance of cri (kree). The respiratory infections mentioned are the more serious illnesses in that category. They are recognized by medical science as common respiratory infections—common in every sense of the term. It would be awkward and cumbersome to say "I don't know, of course, what I am developing, but I hardly need warn you, unless you're exceptionally ignorant, that it may be measles, scarlet fever, pneumonia, influenza etc. etc. and hence it is my duty as a decent citizen to take every care to avoid infecting you, and your cue, if you're not a D.F., to keep out of my conversational spray range." All that would be awkward and cumbersome. So for short we'll call it cri (meaning any one of the Common Respiratory Infections) and everybody with a modicum of brains will understand.

Respiratory infections may sometimes be spread in other ways than cough, sneeze or conversation droplet spray, but this is the usual mode of infection and everybody, from the child in kindergarten to the professor in college, everybody from the

man in the street to the health commissioner of the metropolis, can contribute much toward preventing all of the respiratory infections by desisting from use of that sinister term "cold."

Aside from the mortality rate of the respiratory infections, it is well to remember that these preventable diseases account for nearly three-fourths of the illness, disability and operations physicians attend the year around.

Another thing it is well to remember, if it is not too absurd for me to go on talking from my corner, is that also such allergic reactions as hay fever and hyperesthetic rhinitis are of course not communicable, yet nine times out of ten the blighter will get you while he is assuring you it is of no consequence, if you are one of those simple souls who still believe they are safe as long as they keep their feet dry and avoid drafts.

Yes, indeed, it takes time to find out, but let us hope it will not take life too.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Heart
I have enlargement of the heart. I drive a car, and when I get off the car my heart hurts me and I get short of breath.
Answer—Only your physician can advise you what to do.

Alum
Recently had to use a different baking powder from what I had used for years. This new one contains "sodium aluminum sulphate" (alum). Is it all right to use? (Mrs. K. F.)
Answer—As wholesome as any other, in my opinion.

Knowledge of Food
I wish you would have more articles giving practical knowledge of food and nutrition in general. As you probably know, most of us have too little knowledge, know too many things "which ain't so" about food and diet.
Answer—Glad of many such articles is given in booklet "Feeding Digest" for copy send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address.

Sneeze
I sneeze a good deal, sometimes, a dozen spells a day, but don't have colds. What would cause it? (P.M.)
Answer—Allergic sensitivity to something or other. Chronic sinusitis. Polyp (mass of swollen hypertrophied mucous membrane in nasal passage). These are common causes. You should have nose examined by physician. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

do to clear the Burma road before the rains come.

Jap seizure of the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal is being over-interpreted as a preliminary to a naval thrust at India.

Those islands were, in fact, practically undefended and without fixed fortifications because they were not of prime military significance. The Japs will use them only as anchorages for the fleet and as submarine bases to harass Indian shipping.

NO one here ever claimed the Australians could hold New Guinea. Its protective forces were meager. What delayed the Jap conquest there were two good American flying fortress attacks on their bases of supplies at Lae and Salamaua (made about a week ago, but just now being announced).

Also the Japs may have paused to establish air bases. That is what they want of New Guinea anyway. While they may capture substantial Australian sources of copper, rubber and cotton there, the big island is strategically desirable as an air base to protect other Jap ill-gotten gains.

The expected Jap attack upon north Australia is still confidently expected to be limited to the objective of preventing MacArthur from establishing air fields from which he could ravage Java and the other Jap conquered islands immediately to the north.

OUR spectacular naval attack upon Marcus and Wake Islands was part of our hit-and-run plan of temporary naval strategy, which, no doubt, will be continued.

The sound military strategy behind the raids is simply this: The Japs now are getting themselves extended beyond their ability to protect themselves adequately in all areas. Their forces are stretched thin across the whole west Pacific.

By their conquests they have worked themselves into the difficult military position from which they have just driven the United Nations.

These raids require them to watch out for every dot on the map reachable by our fleet, to replenish their defenses at these and all similarly vulnerable spots with planes and troops from their already thin line.

In effect, we are stretching them farther and farther with these tactics.

IT is true some Dutch are still fighting Japs in the hills of Java, but do not expect them to re-enact the success of Bataan. Only a few thousand are loose, here and there. Their operations are heroic but without much military importance.

Several species of minute insects live in the ice of the glaciers on Mount Rainier, hopping about like tiny fleas.

In Bataan



Major General Jonathan M. Fairweather (above), senior officer remaining in Bataan, had direct command of the U. S. forces in the Philippines now that General Douglas MacArthur had taken command in Australia.

Offer of Independence Is Test of Leadership For Indian Statesmen

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Wide World War Analyst

Britain's offer of independence to India in the form of dominion status puts Indian leaders to a supreme test to show what caliber of statesmanship they possess to warrant self-government.

It is not an easy moment for either party, for the problems are mountainous. There will be heart-burnings among those who seek utter severance from the British crown. However, teachers like Gandhi, who is one of the great minds of our time, will recognize that in conceding even the right of secession to the greatest of her possessions, England has gone about as far as one would expect the mother country to go this side of the millennium.

Cripps Has Fortnight To Finish Negotiation

Even the difficult issue involved in the Moslem demand for a state separate from the Hindus is taken care of by a provision that there may be more than one dominion government in the Indian empire. Thus, unless one section of the population insists on imposing its will on another section, this politico-religious dilemma finally may be solved.

Sir Stafford Cripps, blunt man of few words, who conveyed this offer to India, has said that he has a fortnight to devote to the negotiations. Reports from Delhi indicate that Cripps has made considerable progress.

Britain's conservative statesmen hold that India isn't ready for self-government. They base this view on the fact that according to the latest official figures some 87 percent of the people are illiterate in this vast country which contains close to a fifth of the world's population.

Untold millions are primitive peoples, treading the paths their ancestors trod centuries ago. Moreover, this huge peninsula has small claim to nationalism, for there are many races, and some 220 languages are spoken, incredible though it seem. Also, the castes, which form great barriers between the different classes of the population, run into thousands.

Hindustan's answer is that she has many brilliant and highly educated men and women upon whom to draw, and that the only way a country can learn to govern is to govern. Government cannot be learned in correspondence school.

Jap Invasion Threat Overshadows All

But the immediate question is far bigger than whether India is absolutely ready for self-government. She is faced with the greatest crisis in her modern history—the grave threat of Japanese invasion. Unless the people of India get squarely behind the British government for the defense of their country they may shortly suffer the horrors of being overrun by Nipponese hordes. And probably such an attack would encourage an invasion by the barbarous tribesmen of the northwest frontier, up by the famous Khyber pass.

H. S. RAUSHENBUSH, who directed the meetings of the O. L. Chapman group in the northwest early this month, has had some of his "liberal" writings spread on the Congressional Record in connection with the supply bill of the department of the interior. Raushenbush, it appears from his writings, is opposed to the profit motive and he wants the government to take over banks, power systems and other items. He has reluctantly abandoned accomplishing these things by bloody revolution (his books were quoted) and proposes that clever young college men be infiltrated into industries and there work as termites, boring from within. Mr. Raushenbush acts out his advice, for he has become chief of the research and planning section of the power division of the interior department.

Oscar L. Chapman, assistant secretary of the interior, invaded the west to promote mining. Raushenbush, who is a miner, presided. So far as known the meeting of practical miners developed nothing. A man with mining property on Olympic peninsula developed for precious metals only found his property carried zinc, which would justify operation for zinc alone. For months he endeavored to find the government bureau interested in zinc. Raushenbush took his name. An operator of a gold and silver mine in Idaho cannot get a priority for powder or steel, but the mine contains the source of tungsten and if he could obtain powder he would concentrate on tungsten. Raushenbush took his name. Also the name of a man from Marshfield who wanted information on local coal which could be used at the Medford cantonment. Neither Chapman nor Raushenbush is familiar with practical mining but were sent into the west by Secretary Ickes to solve mining questions with experienced men. At the meeting in Portland most of the time was devoted to praising Bonneville

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Thousands Write To Congressmen

Arnold Frank In Union Criticism

Bureaucrats Dally With Mining Needs

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 30—No one has tabulated the number of telegrams and letters received by senators and representatives of the northwest demanding "something be done" about labor, excessive spending, etc., but it is known that the total runs into the thousands. The plain people of Idaho, Oregon and Washington are expressing themselves, but certain members of the administration, such as the administrator of the wage-hour law, assert that this nationwide protest is being inspired by the Nazi—an attempt to give the idea that any criticism of the administration is disloyal. Congressmen know when they are the target of propaganda and when the mail comes from constituents who are mad enough to write. There is a wide difference between the two.

It is difficult to state when the flood of critical letters began to arrive, but the groundswell was noticeable the latter part of February and burst out, for example, in radio talks, such as at Twin Falls, Idaho, early in March, and in innumerable indignation meetings throughout the northwest. Climax came about the idea of March when the people

dam and little attention was given to the purpose for which the meeting was called.

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 30, 1932
(It was Wednesday)
Edison Marshall, author visiting kin here, comes out for Japan in "boycott war" to aid China.

Huber packing plant to start in April.

Amusement tax and higher postage rates favored by congress.

Prize rum cargo enroute to Seattle seized near here.

Dr. Spears quit as Oregon football coach to accept Wisconsin berth. Prink Callison, former Medford coach, favored for job.

Crater Lake bears come out of winter sleep.

County agent prepares annual batch of squirrel poison.

Mail-Tribune cooking school opens.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

March 30, 1922
(It was Thursday)
Peace declared in Ireland again and pact signed.

Federal intervention coal mine strike in east looms, as miners leave plants.

Spring baseball training in full swing in south.

Rain again forecast. High 58, low 42; precipitation .11 inch.

Business men favor daylight saving coming summer if other coast towns adopt.

Former Montana residents in city and county plan picnic next month.

The Grange

Central Point Grange
Central Point Grange met March 20 with Master A. T. Lathrop presiding.

Agriculture committee urged that farmers use squirrel poison diligently and at once to rid the fields of these expensive pests. Arnold Bohnert informed the members on the new valley hybrid seed corn.

A salvage committee headed by C. F. Smith was appointed to superintend gathering up all metals usable in defense construction.

Mr. Walker and Trumbly were visitors from Creswell Grange. Betty Potter acted as juvenile matron.

Jackson county Pomona lecturer Eula Foley announced church Sunday for April 19 at the old Presbyterian church in Jacksonville, with a basket dinner and program in Jacksonville Grange Hall. Everyone is invited to attend for the day.

Sally Puhl conducted a program of songs, readings and recreational numbers.

The chaplain and refreshment committee served a birthday supper honoring all birthdays of first starter with lighted cake, tapers and daffodils as decorations.

The serving committee was Mr. and Mrs. John Yantis, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, Betty Potter and Mr. Eckholm. H. E. club met Wednesday with Mrs. Eugene Hampton. The hostess was assisted by Mable Johnson and Jennie Yantis. Mrs. A. T. Lathrop spoke on food and nutrition.



VISITOR—Sir Girda Shanks, Rajpuri, India's agent general to the United States, recently paid his first visit to E.O.R.—a sign of the growing emphasis on India's wartime status.

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