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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The public, it now seems, want their war news—good or bad—without delay, alibi and sugar-coating. They are opposed to the "know-a-secret" attitude, popular among little girls in schoolyard play. And, there is a growing suspicion, the good news is saved to take the sting out of bad news, when it comes.

There is some speculation, "Can Russia defeat Germany this summer?" The query has the mark and merit of an excellent idea.

The secretary of commerce and the publisher of a Washington, D. C., newspaper, at a banquet of the Alfalfa club acted like hayseeds. There was an exchange of expletives, including some of the fanciest Texas cuss-words, and the publisher's specs were broken. There has been nothing like it since a couple of Hollywood actors tweaked noses and came to blows, in a gay cafe.

WHERE'S MR. SHOWERS? (Palo Alto (Calif.) Times)

"A clipping from a Texas paper brings news that a home on Water Street, in the Rainey Addition, has been purchased from Mr. Fawcett by Mrs. R. A. Wells, and was tenanted by Mr. Pool."

Rumors continue to circulate from local sources and far-off.

A Sunday article states weeds are fit for human consumption and some have vitamins, that make them good salads. People looking for country-grown weeds are urged to confine themselves to fence corners and not wander off into the alfalfa patch, as it will be cut for hay.

A Kansas soldier reportedly ate 15 hamburgers at one sitting. This is not such a Herculean gastronomic feat. He probably ate 15 hamburgers, concealing enough hamburger for one pre-war helping.

GIVE YE THANKS! (Klamath Falls Herald)

"Last week, we told in this column about our experiences in riding a bicycle through the business district. Since then, the bicycle has been stolen. Since then, also, three tires on the car we drive have been stolen. We still have our shoes.—M. E."

India is the same kind of a thorn in the side to Great Britain as Ireland, but not as rough about it. The leaders, scornful co-operation, in resisting Nippon invasion, express a desire the war effort of America and Britain "whirl speed ahead." They are willing to contribute cheers for victory, and its nice of the Undains.

There is only a month left for candidates to cut the taxes later, and scare the coast county voters with hints of enemy invasion.

SAY SO, PROMPTLY

"A singular and most unusual thing to confront medical science was that which occurred here on Monday evening. At exactly the same time there were three patients in the waiting room at the office of Dr. Burch and all were suffering with exactly the same thing. Doc looked them over and pronounced it to be a serious attack of 'las vegas de cosmos petunia.' Translated from the Latin language that means an emptiness of the stomach.—(Portis (Kan.) Independent).

Needed, A House Cleaning

The navy department announces the loss of two U. S. army freight ships, the Liberty and the Meigs, sunk by the Japs, one on January 11 and the other on February 19.

The item is not of great importance, but one wonders why there should be from two to three months' delay?

Certainly neither "giving information to the enemy," nor "first notifying next of kin" can have been the cause.

AND for that matter it can hardly have been the suppression of bad news for in the case of the Liberty no lives were lost; and in the Meigs only two.

So the only answer, discernible at least to a man up a tree comes under the general heading of poor news reporting and inexcusable carelessness in the department of naval consorship.

In fact this extreme dilatoriness is only added evidence that a general house cleaning is badly needed in the entire set-up of the handling of U. S. war news.

Palmer Hoyt, editor of the Oregonian, and president of the national journalistic fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi, forcefully expressed the sentiments of this department at a founder's banquet of the fraternity at Dallas, Texas, Saturday night when he said:

Freedom of the press "is the people's right to know." When the nation is fighting the people must "know their weaknesses, no matter how vast, as well as their strength."

"They must know their losses, no matter how bitter, as well as their victories."

"When the English were dealt a body blow by the sinking of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse off Malaya they did not withhold the news."

"The realistic British decided it was good business to tell the truth—all the time—particularly about naval losses. . . . It has kept England in business."

"Ed" Walker

This department was shocked to hear of the death of Sergeant "Ed" Walker of the State police, in a local hospital, Saturday morning.

We didn't even know "Ed" was sick. Comparatively a young man, and always a husky one, we supposed he would serve this community and the state, in the direction of fish and game control, for many, many years.

It is strange how life runs on that way.

The present writer has known Ed Walker for a great many years, always had the highest regard and a very real affection for him; and yet in the past decade perhaps had not seen him more than half a dozen times, and probably not talked things over with him more than once or twice.

No particular reason for this,—just happened that way.

Never had been intimates, but had been good friends, and it was always a satisfaction for us to know the important matter of game and wild life in southern Oregon was in Ed's capable hands.

And now he is gone!

UNFORTUNATELY it has become rather a commonplace in the obituary columns of the press to remark that the place of the deceased "will be hard to fill."

But in a very definite and realistic sense that is literally true of Sergeant Walker.

"Ed" would have arrested his own son had he caught him breaking a game law; at the same time Al Capone himself could have roamed about the hills and streams of Jackson county, and had he observed the rules and regulations, "Ed" would have given him the same square deal and kindness he gave everyone.

FEARLESS, diligent, efficient, firm, but ALWAYS courteous Ed Walker was certainly the ideal peace officer,—never looking for trouble on one hand; never afraid to meet it equally on the other.

"Ed" Walker's loss will be greatly felt in all southern Oregon, and his place on the State Police force will INDEED be hard to fill!

It's All "Air"

Air, air, AIR,—!

How events do, day after day, hammer home the tragic truth that this is an air-war, has always been an air-war, and will continue to be an air-war, until the end.

And now comes Prime Minister Churchill, with his usual brutal candor, explaining once more, that the British naval defeat recently suffered near Ceylon, like a similar defeat off Singapore, was due solely and exclusively to Japan's air superiority.

Had Britain had a land-based air fleet in ANY WAY comparable to the air fleet of Japan, what a different story would have been told.

We quote:

"Thunderstorms and low-hanging clouds which enveloped the Japanese aircraft carriers and warships interfered with British counter-attacks by air. Nevertheless British bombers, torpedo planes and fighters, pressed home the attack, until all available planes had been knocked out."

"All available planes knocked out!" there is the tragic story.

It is the story of Poland, the story of Greece and Crete, only slightly less clearly, the story of France,—yes, and of Dunkirk where the British air fleet finally won the day!

And it will be the story of the war for the next five or six months, and so on until victory comes.

"Too little and too late,"—over and over and over again. That sad refrain. But there is this cheering factor. Whereas the Axis has enjoyed almost a continuous superiority in the air, now, thanks

to U. S. production, this superiority is steadily declining, and before the summer is over, will in all probability be lost.

And when it IS,—just watch that old worm turn!

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.

DIABETES IS STILL A RICH MAN'S DISEASE

Diabetes is not a disease for specialists alone, not a disease solely for outpatient clinics with their changing medical personnel, not a disease for panel practice, but is pre-eminently a disease for interested family physicians to treat from its onset to its end through-out all the social, as well as physical, vicissitudes of patients' lives.

If any reader thinks that is the view of the conductor of this column the reader is right. However, I quote the paragraph from "Treatment of Diabetes" by Dr. Elliott P. Joslin and associates.

Joslin estimates there are 600,000 diabetes in the United States at present, believes there will be a million by 1950. Besides the 600,000 individuals whose diabetes has been diagnosed there are probably half that many whose diabetes has not been diagnosed. Then competent authorities estimate that nearly thirty million persons in the United States are "carriers" of the tendency or potentiality, by reason of heredity (blood relatives who had diabetes), and some of these "carriers" may develop the disease themselves, some may not develop the disease themselves but may transmit to children the tendency, deficiency or potentiality and some of the children may develop the disease.

Overweight, especially when the superfluous weight or fat is put on after the age of 30, is a common cause of development of diabetes. This is particularly serious in individuals whose blood relatives have had diabetes.

The national per capita consumption of sugar, not natural sugar as it grows, but refined white sugar, probably contributes as much to the development of diabetes as does the national per capita consumption of other refined or purified carbohydrates, especially refined white flour instead of whole wheat flour such as everybody in the country used exclusively in the days before the introduction of the roller mill and bolting (about 1840).

Not that refined white sugar or refined white flour is in any way harmful in itself, but just that the refining processes remove or destroy the minerals and vitamins that naturally

grow with sugar or starch, and the vitamin B so removed is essential for normal metabolism or utilization of carbohydrate in the body. Indeed, vitamin B1 has an insulin-like action, and it is because of its physiological function that I call it "poor man's insulin."

Up to this past year diabetes has been more or less a rich man's disease. If a poor man had it, that was his hard luck. Within the year the patent on insulin expired. While the patent was in effect the price of insulin made it a luxury.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Skin Oil. Please give your opinion of the use of olive oil instead of cold cream (with luxury tax on it) for the skin and complexion. (Miss C. O.)

Answer—It is all right. The Skin Oil, preparation and use of which is described in "Save Your Skin" (for booklet send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address) is better.

No Throwbacks. Mother is German, father mixture of Belgian and Negro, daughter has German characteristics, light brown hair, green eyes. Daughter engaged to man of French parentage. He has black hair, brown eyes. Would children born to them possibly be black? (S. P.)

Answer—No. Children would be no more negroid in color or characteristics than the darker or more negroid parent. No such thing as a "throwback" ever happens in the human race.

Unnatural. For twelve years have used twice daily nasal douche of salt and soda in warm water, applied with medicine dropper. Originally prescribed by nose and throat specialist for dry condition of nose and discomfort from stuffiness. There is never any nasal discharge, also specialist said if I neglected it nasal catarrh would eventually develop. (A. M. G.)

Answer—Time to break the silly habit. Instead see that artificially heated atmosphere of home, office, heated automobile, and keep properly humidified—send stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet on Humidification.

Vegetables for Baby. Daughter, 11 months, healthy, 22½ pounds. I cook vegetables 20 to 30 minutes, feed them strained. Other mothers say it is better to use canned pureed vegetables. (Mrs. D.H.)

Answer—Your way is all right. Baby should weigh 25 pounds at age of a year. Be sure to give her plenty of ripe banana. She should have some fresh raw vegetable now—carrot, potato—just a taste at first, gradually a little more day by day. Be sure to give her good daily ration fresh or factory canned tomato juice.

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parachute attack, and if it goes Turkey will be surrounded.

General Rommel in Libya has been heavily reinforced and has about six weeks left in which to reach for the great British naval base at Alexandria, key to the British position in the near east. Heat there after should help to protect the defending lines.

This movement, jointly operating with a Nazi drive in southern Russia (expected at any time now) is designed to pinch out the entire near east and approach Iran and Iraq.

Obviously then the prospects for our side in the Afro-European sphere of war are not yet as we would like to have them.

GENERAL MARSHALL'S presence in London, along with Harry Hopkins, is obviously intended to bolster Russian morale with action. The British have a vague pooling system for distribution of their arms and munitions. Our officials wanted to get the pooling on a basis which could be understood.

The trip was clearly a recognition of the main point now, which too few people in this country fully appreciate, namely: The future course of this war will be determined this spring and summer on the Russian front.

Hopkins Confers With Red Envoy. London, April 13.—(AP)—Harry Hopkins, adviser of President Roosevelt and his lend-lease expert, held a long conference today with the Russian ambassador, Ivan Maisky, at the United States embassy.

Hopkins will confer tonight with Prime Minister Churchill. Gen. George C. Marshall, United States army chief of staff, was at the embassy frequently during the day, but did not participate in the talks with the Russian diplomat.

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

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

First Plywood Plane On Trial

Strange System In Army Buying

Forest Service May Come West

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., April 13.—First of the new plywood training planes has been delivered at the Washington navy yard for experimentation, operation and, finally to be ripped apart. Army and navy have been slow in adopting wood in planes, although in the first world war the British purchased millions of feet of spruce for fighting planes and have, in the present war, been taking cargoes of spruce from British Columbia, Washington and Oregon forests supplemented by Douglas fir. In addition to the British, Italy and Russia are using wooden combat planes.

Plywood (thin slices of wood peeled from a log and glued together) is at its best in the northwest. The industry has forged to the front in recent years and the best technicians in the business are on the payrolls of the scores of factories in the forest areas.

They have made discoveries, such as the best method of treating the plywood with glue; they have invented a glue that can stand anything; the method of pressing the sheets together. Despite the "know how" of using plywood, the procurement offices have not considered awarding a contract to build wooden airplanes to any of these mills.

The source of the raw material is ignored.

Procurement does such queer things. Eighteen million tent pegs were needed for the army. Tent pegs are of wood, nothing else. Did procurement make inquiry where the stakes could be purchased in the lumber markets of the northwest? It did not.

The order was given to an "intermediary" in a large eastern city. "Intermediaries" are individuals or firms which have nothing, only a determination to grab a contract and make a commission. The intermediary shopped around and finally placed the order. Army wanted some wooden chairs and tables. Large manufacturing companies specializing in chairs and others in tables could not submit bids, for each carried a single line. Instead of breaking the order into two items, army gave the contract to an "intermediary" and the latter bought the chairs from one plant, tables from another—which the army could have done.

SOME day the story will be released how a well known vessel on the west coast sailed out of a Pacific port into the south Pacific with supplies for General MacArthur in the Philippines. The story, of course, is the manner in which this ship ran the Japanese blockade successfully and discharged much needed material. Incidentally, the blockade runner was almost to the islands while people in the United States were asking why no relief was being sent to the boys in the foxholes of Bataan.

DEPARTMENT of agriculture will be given control of fats, oils, directing production and supply and allocation. If the department does a good job of this other commodities will be turned over to it. Farmers are increasing the fat supply now by raising more hogs. There is a falldown, however, with peanut oil; the acreage planted is scarcely more than that of 1941. In war production board there are 38 dollar-a-year men who are maneuvering to obtain control of foodstuff. Insiders predict that eventually there will be a food administration with an administrator will not be Herbert Hoover, despite his experience in world war No. 1.

POLITICAL Note—Wendell Wilkie has been trying to oust Representative Joe Martin as Republican national chairman. Wilkie was trying to organize his forces in the committee to displace Martin with Ralph C. R. Republican national committee man for Oregon, who is serving his first term as a member of the committee and who didn't make too good a job of his own state in the presidential campaign of 1940. This purging by Wilkie flopped and Martin will continue to serve as national chairman until 1944. Mr. Wilkie is not too strong with the Republican leaders and, in fact, stands better with the White House than with the party.

ONE of the deep dark secrets of the national capital is that underground efforts are being made to send the forest service to the far west. Most of the operation of the forest service are in the Pacific northwest, just as

the grazing division has its field of work in the west and has been sent to Colorado. If the scheme is successful the forest service will be sent to some city, not in California. The shift would make no difference to the rangers but would cause consternation in headquarters where the "liberals" wish to remain in the capital. Timber owners have no trouble with the field men, as they know their business, but there is growing dissatisfaction with top officials who direct the policy from the department of agriculture.

Communications

Valley Forge Versus Rudee Valley

To the editor:

I see your article on higher pay for soldiers and arguments against. Seems to me they all miss your point, which ain't giving the soldier all the cash he needs to be the best fighter in the world—which he is—but doubling his pay from \$21 a month to \$42, which is too much.

Not as you say paying him for his service to his country and risking his life—that can't be paid for in dollars and cents,—but for spending money, over and above what he gets free: food, clothes, lodging, shelter and the best of any army in the world.

I think \$21 a month, which is boosted to \$30 in 90 days, is about enough, at any rate there isn't need of \$42. I fit and bled in the Mexican war (1916) and if I had had \$30 a month in my pocket after paying all living expenses I would have felt lousy rich—and I would now too, for I just get by without ice cream cones or liberty bonds either.

So, don't get down-hearted, and keep up the good work. This war has to be won and as somebody said money can't do it, men must. And not ice cream soldiers either, but them that can lick these yellow bellies, who fight for four bits a week, and live on a handful of raw fish and rice! Yours for the spirit of Valley Forge, not Rudee Valley!

S. J. HILL
Medford, April 11.

Write the President. To the editor: Letters to congress can do no good so long as the administration is backing labor or rather unions. As has been proved in the past there is no real head but the president. The representatives passed a bill which would have settled the unions, but the senate pigeon holed it simply because they have a majority vote of 3 to 1 so we can readily see that our able Sen. McNary and Holman are fighting a losing battle with a 3 to 1 opposition.

The president says we must keep our "social gains," but what good will they do us if the Japanese take over? Maybe they are social gains but maybe they are not free men gains when you have to buy a job.

What about the manufacturers? Can they make anything they want to? Car dealers? Can they sell cars? Gas dealers? They were cut 20%. All of us will be rationed on almost everything. So why should labor be so special? By what rights should they be allowed to do as they please?

As this leaves us one thing to do so let's do it with a will. Write to the president. Let's write so much and so often that he will have to do something besides take over plants. Let the boss be boss and give the owners a chance. ELLA POWELL
Eagle Point, Medford, April 10.

CHINA RELIEF AID APPRECIATED. To the editor: The Jackson county committee for united China relief wishes to express our appreciation for the excellent cooperation which you gave in publicizing the cause which we represent.

The campaign was considered to have been very successful in Medford. Some of the outlying areas have been slow in getting organized, but we are sure that they will carry through in time and do their part.

Very truly yours,
The Jackson County Committee for United China Relief.
R. W. Coleman,
Chairman.
Medford, April 10.

County Club Agent Grateful. To the editor:

I wish to express my appreciation to the Medford Mail Tribune for the fine publicity which you gave us in connection with our 4-H mobilization week and the victory revenue week, we held at the Rialto theater. Your support of our 4-H club program has always been very important to club work in this county.

L. E. FRANCIS
County Club Agent.

11TH FATALITY. Portland, April 13.—(AP)—Portland's traffic toll for the year reached 11 yesterday after a two-car collision fatally injured John Penning, 31, Portland. Verely Penning, 27, was seriously injured in the same crash.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

April 13, 1932

(It was Wednesday)

Negotiations resumed with Lindbergh kidnapers through Dr. J. F. Condon, who makes contacts. More ransom bills located.

E. C. Faber store at Central Point robbed again. Thief took 12 boxes of snuff and two gunnysacks full of provisions.

Primary ballot carries names of 50 candidates in county and will be of record size.

Cloudy with showers. High 74, low 39 degrees.

Forecast better tourist year for southern Oregon.

Eagle Point asks oil coating for main road to abate dust coming summer.

Roosevelt and Hoover leading democratic and republican contestants for presidential nominations.

Twenty Years Ago Today. April 13, 1922. Fatty Arbuckle, film comedian, charged with manslaughter is acquitted.

Due to the opposition of France, neither payment of war reparations or world disarmament will be discussed at Genoa conference.

Democrats launch fight on tariff bill in senate.

Citizens advised piles of rubbish they have left on curbs in front of their places will not be hauled away by the city.

Rainfall .08 inches. High 49, low 32 degrees.

Crater Lake National park to open July 1.

Backward spring is held beneficial to pear crop. Cold spell hits California.

Big Applegate

Big Applegate, April 13.—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Straube spent last week in Portland, where Mr. Straube received medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matheny of Riverside, Cal., were recent guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Herman O. Matheny. The couple also visited Mr. Matheny's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Matheny, of Jacksonville.

Wm. Ray is receiving treatment in the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Reed arrived recently from Mountain Park, Okla., and are making their home here. At the present they have charge of the Upper Applegate store which is owned by their son, Harold Reed of Jacksonville.

Sandy Myers, formerly in charge of the store, is employed at Camp White.