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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Speedy release of war news, good or bad, as soon as consistently possible, would be beneficial in more ways than one. It would stop people from making up their own news, from conclusions they have jumped at, and missed.

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"Pastor preaches temperance sermon to full congregation."—(Hdline Chicago Tribune.)—They need it.

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The government has taken the world's largest maker of zippers to task for having on hand too much copper. This may be the first step in the well-dressed man reverting to the old-fashioned bachelor buttons.

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"Solo parts in 'I Hear America Singing' were sung by Buzz Wrinkle."—(Milton News.)—Ho hum!

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The land, sea and air forces of Nippon are now far-flung over the south Pacific, like a spider's web. It is to be hoped the day is not far distant when United Nations will fling themselves far and drop bombs upon the industrial area of Tokyo and other cities of the Land of the Rising Sun.

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The grasshopper menace in Jackson county will be less this summer. Uncle Sam is building a cantonment over their main production center.

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UNVARNISHED TRUTH
(Exchange)

"The proposal to limit war profits to six per cent will strike a responsive chord in many an American breast. There are plenty of nice people to whom this war is bringing no per cent whatever."

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The Older Girl class in long distance fretting is now engaged in tackling problems arising after the end of the war. First end the war, say many.

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Voters noting the way of candidates report, when one such is near the coast the theme is lower taxes and invasion threats, and 100 miles inland the danger and cure is from forest fires and lower taxes.

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The report that Premier Mussolini is in collapse, and close to a gibbering idiot, given to the blues and fits of laughing and crying, leaving the affairs of Italy in demoralization, indicates insanity will be the plea, in the great accounting, to come.

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"Consistent outbreaks of Monday colds among collegiates were attributed today to week-end osculatory activity.—(Press Dispatch.)—Cause and effect and romance.

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"FINANCIERS CONTRIBUTE THOUGHT"—SF. Chronicle hdline)—Take it easy!

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Speaking of May and December weather, the April and November variety on tap this date, is not so hot.

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E. Ulrich, the Prospect mt-wm. towned and traded yes. and reported he is in a maelstrom of spring, building a fence, bull-strong, horse-high, pig-tight and able to repulse an auto taking out across country, at a turn.

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"Private James Gordon, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for cleaning up machine-gun nests in Syria with bayonet and grenade, had been stood down from the bayonet squad in his section because 'he was unable in training to demonstrate the use of the bayonet convincingly.'"—(Australia magazine.)—Convincing enough for the foe, old chap!

A Kick In the Face by Vichy?

LONDON claims the appointment of Messers Laval and Darlan to the new Vichy government is a stunning blow to U. S. diplomacy.

It is. And yet the problem from the first has been an exceedingly difficult one.

The pro-German character of the Vichy government was well known. Yet not only in that government, but throughout the country, feeling against out-and-out collaboration with Hitler was, and still is, very strong.

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WHAT the Roosevelt administration, therefore, has tried to do has been to prevent the Vichy government from going over to Hitler ENTIRELY on one side, and prevent a complete break between Hitler and Vichy on the other.

The first would be a stunning blow.

The second would be only slightly less disastrous for it would result in Germany taking over the French fleet by force, operating it, and occupying all the country instead of only a portion of it.

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IN other words ever since the fall of France Uncle Sam diplomatically has been walking a tight rope, over the Niagra Falls of a French disaster, afraid to go too far in one direction, equally afraid to go too far in the other.

Only a few days ago in its program of appeasing Vichy the Roosevelt administration sent another large supply of food, clothing and medicine to French possessions in North Africa.

Had this sharp turn toward Germany by Vichy been suspected, this aid would hardly have been extended.

On the other hand, had the United States refused to help the present Vichy government in any way, would that not have given the Fascist group in France, a talking point in favor of Axis collaboration that might have proven irresistible?

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IT is all very well for London to chalk up this move of the Vichy government as a kick-in-the-face for the U. S. State department. But had Downing Street been in a similar spot, what would John Bull have done?

Broken with Vichy entirely?

That, as we see it, was the only alternative. To prevent an out-and-out alliance between France and Germany was, it seems to this department, at least worth a trial.

And even if failure is the ultimate outcome,—which we doubt,—American diplomacy at least, has delayed the blow for nearly two years.

Is Churchill Indiscreet?

CAN it be that Prime Minister Churchill sometimes talks TOO much?

This department has repeatedly praised the man's extraordinary courage and candor, but one statement in his address before Parliament yesterday has us wondering.

In explaining the naval set-back in the Bay of Bengal, for example the government leader remarked that the British air fleet did its best, but details of the conflict can't be given, for EVERY plane was either brought down or destroyed.

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IF that is true, what information could be of more value to the enemy? British naval forces in that area at least, practically defenseless as far as air protection is concerned!

Why it would be an engraved invitation from his Majesty the King to the Mikado for Japan to concentrate at once, on England's naval forces, thus left defenseless, and wipe them out, before adequate air-aid could come.

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YET we can't believe an old veteran like "Winnie" and a former head of the British Admiralty, would let his tongue slip even by the fraction of a lisp at such a place, and such a time.

Our explanation, therefore, is the statement was deliberately made to deceive the Japs and lead them on,—that while the British air force THEN available was put out of the running, there is both a very heavy air and naval force held in reserve.

For surely, if the British fleet, or any material portion of it, WERE without adequate air support in the Bay of Bengal or anywhere else, it would be the last thing in the world for the British government to advertise!

Why Iran Breaks With Japan

IF there were any doubt regarding Japan's plan of campaign the action of Iran in breaking relations pretty much removes it.

For this drastic action would hardly be taken unless the softening process of axis 5th columnists had not proceeded very far in this vital and potential link between the German and Japanese armies.

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YES, unless all signs fail, Japan has no intention of launching an all-out attack on Australia at this time, but will concentrate upon India from the east, while Hitler will try a break-through from the west.

If this gargantuan pincers movement should succeed, then, and only then, will Nippon attempt a clean-up in the South Pacific, and Hitler a knock-out blow against Stalin.

Nothing meek or mild about such a conception.

Say what one will against the Axis,—and we can think of no cuss words that don't apply,—there is nothing half-way as far as their aims and ambitions are concerned.

If there are any Doubting Thomas left on this cooling cinder, their faces should be a deep purple. For it's plain as a pike staff. For the Axis it is WORLD domination,—or NOTHING!

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.

WHETHER TO TELL THE SYMPTOMS OR TO SUPPRESS THEM

Once I got the bounce from a paper down south because the big shot happened to notice something in my column that put a disturbing idea in his head. He had suffered long from what he assumed to be "piles," and from what I said about the diagnosis of such trouble the big shot wondered if his trouble might possibly be cancer. So, like a sensible fellow, he dropped his work and hurried to a competent physician, who examined him properly, and found nothing but piles.

Today a pastor (as I infer) writes me "to say, with deep sincerity 'Thank you, Doctor Brady.' In your column you gave an account of your experience with appendicitis. Soon afterward my wife and I did justice to a hearty meal provided by one of our parishioners. For two days thereafter I had my meals in reverse. My belly was sore, but I thought that was due to the unusual exercise my stomach muscles were getting. However, after a restless night, I roused in the morning free from pain, but acutely tender in one spot down on the lower right side. I recalled your experience, asked my wife to call the doctor, and after examination he said I had appendicitis of more than 24 hours start. I was hauled away to hospital, and there they found inflammation of the bowels and gangrene. I got along well after operation, except for stitch abscesses, and the last drain was removed two weeks ago. I am past 60 and had never before had any pain or any hint of abdominal trouble at all. I believe that but for your hint in that article I would now be an angel, for otherwise I would have dismissed that very tender spot as sore muscles. We always enjoy your column and I am glad to add my testimony to the value we have received from it."

(Signed.....)

In the article to which the pastor alludes I contradicted the popular notion that appendicitis begins with pain in the right lower quadrant of the belly. It doesn't. In most cases the distress or pain of acute appendicitis is felt first in the epigastrium or "pit of the stomach." Only after several hours, as a rule, does tenderness develop in the lower right quadrant. Perhaps this accounts in part for the sad error of ascribing the trouble to "indigestion" or "something you ate"—an error that is serious because, first, it encourages 'delay in obtaining proper medical care, and second, it too often provides an excuse for taking some kind of cathartic. Both of these errors contribute to the appendicitis mortality rate.

You never can tell. The safest course is to do nothing at all about bellyache until the doctor comes.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Ointment

Our first aid instructor (an M. D.) told us wintergreen oil not only penetrates the skin but the muscles also, to reach the joints. (Miss A. V.)

Answer—He relied on his powerful personality to utter such hokum and not raise a snicker. Wintergreen oil applied in ointment or liniment is often comforting to lameness or soreness, but it is simply counter-irritant and does not penetrate the skin any more than any other substance does.

Weight of Baby

Mother-in-law insists a baby should weigh twenty pounds at the age of a year. Our baby was a year old last week and weighed 24 pounds. We feed her according to Holt. (Mrs. L.R.)

Answer—Mother seldom knows best about babies today. Twenty pounds was a fair showing for a bimbo when Mother-in-law was in the business. A normal baby weighs nearly four times birthweight at the age of one year.

Leucoplakia

White, painful, sometimes swollen patch or spot in floor of mouth for about three years. I am 78. Had X-ray treatment in hospital, and since then no pain, but spot still remains. Doctors call it leucoplakia. (Mrs. E. J. T.)

Answer—If it is merely a white spot perhaps you should leave well enough alone. X-ray or radium generally best treatment for leucoplakia which in many instances eventually develops into cancer. Sometimes best treatment is destruction of lesion by electro-coagulation. Smoking seems to be predisposing cause in many cases, and of course should be stopped.

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

How far the Germans have been pinched is attested by the fact that they are filling up their losses on the south Russian front with Balkan soldiers.

Several of their mechanized units have been reorganized into infantry because equipment was not available for them.

These heartening suggestions have bolstered hopes for the Russian cause, but not beyond the line set forth in this column yesterday.

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MR. ROOSEVELT has obviously been trying to keep out of the British-India negotiations, but at the same time has sent to Delhi his former assistant secretary of war, Louis Johnson.

The subtlety of this move may have escaped appreciation among us here at home, but it was designed to inform the Indians that Mr. Roosevelt as far as he could diplomatically go, sympathized with their longing for independence.

Johnson went there more or less to underwrite by his presence the promise of the British for post-war dominion status. He did not mix in Indian affairs, of course, but the British promised India dominion status once before, in 1916, and then forgot it.

Johnson, standing in the background, was to serve as a guarantee that when the war is over the United States would see to it that India would get what Cripps tried to promise.

For this reason, news of the rejection of the Cripps offer by the Congress party and the Moslem league was especially hard to take here.

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A HARSHER system for post-war America than any yet suggested by Mr. Roosevelt's national planning commission is offered in preliminary form now by Stuart Chase, who sometimes in the past has been a prophet of economic policies of the government.

In a book, out today, called "The Road We Are Traveling," published by the Twentieth Century Fund (foreword by Assistant State Secretary Adolph Berle), Chase carries the vague post-war outlines of the planning board several steps further. He adapts Mr. Roosevelt's promise of four freedoms to a new kind of an economic system.

The road we are traveling, he says, is leading to control of industry by government without ownership of industry by government.

He calls this system by the mysterious symbol of X," but he defines its as a strong centralized government, with the executive arm growing at the expense of the legislative and judicial arms; underwriting by the government of employment, social security, food, housing and medical care, with large expenditures financed by further post-war increase in the federal debt; government control of labor unions, foreign trade, agricultural production hydro-electric power, coal, petroleum, natural gas, communications, propaganda, railways, highways, airways.

It sound like a makeshift socialism in the shell of democracy and private ownership whereby the government would fix production limits, ration out raw materials through priorities, set prices and what not.

Among the vast blank spaces in Mr. Chase's reasoning is the question of who will have or want the ownership of any business under such a system. If the government is going to run all business, management will be reduced to the status of an employee of the government, just like labor. If government is going to control everything else in business, it will have to control profits.

Any political machine able to fix business profits in this country as well as wages ought to be able to elect itself indefinitely and establish a fascist system in preptuality,—or until the money runs out.

And if it fixes pretty good profits, there is going to be a lot of scrambling among the politicians here to buy a little stock on the side.

In any event private ownership loses its meaning in the Chase system.

The economic prophets seem to want to lose the war for democracy in theory, after it is won in fact on the battlefield.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

West to Serve in Post-War Shift

Kids in Harvest May Be Unionized

U. S. Must Feed Many Peoples

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., April 14—They are already planning for the post-war period although the United States is not yet fairly in the war nor will be until 1943. However, the planners are looking ahead and figuring on what the returned soldiers should do and the civilians who lose their jobs in munitions plants. There is a backlog of public works being accumulated which the president proposes initiating with the coming of peace, and these represent everything from bridges, highways and schoolhouses to reclamation projects with power dams. It is estimated that between 20,000,000 and 25,000,000 people after the war will be shifted from war work to peacetime pursuits.

There are great areas of forest land in the Pacific northwest which will require rehabilitation and will furnish jobs for thousands of men for several years. By the time the war is over many of the fire trails will have a growth of new timber and will require slashing; there are expansive plans for reforestation. The forest service is looking forward to the work to be done in the northwest when the boys come back.

Forest service has furnished congressmen of the region with a lengthy report on the cut and valuation of timber; the grazing permits, etc. Last year the cut in the region was 870,678 M. feet with a value of $2,207,626. The region made 1,870 sales, 650 of them to residents. In one 10-day period in 1941 lightning started 1,014 fires, an average of 100 fires a day, or about four fires started every hour. Area burned was 49,714 acres in Washington and 9,281 in Oregon.

North Pacific region issued permits for grazing last year for 587,536 sheep; 93,177 cattle and horses. This was a slight decrease but in line with the department of agriculture policy calling for increased marketing and better management rather than building up the number of stock. This policy, with selective butchering, is expected to increase the amount of meat produced and improve the quality of the flocks and herds.

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IF the school children of Idaho, Washington and Oregon are used for harvesting crops this year and working in fruit and vegetable canneries they may be compelled to join an AFL union. The union is already insisting on the kiddies becoming members in California and there is a likelihood that the union will undertake a campaign in the northwest. Furthermore, the union has the approval of Frances Perkins, secretary of labor. Figuring that no one is too young to dig up initiation fees and pay monthly dues the children are now of immediate interest to the union leaders. Secretary Perkins says that the union is reducing its initiation fee to $2, which includes one month's dues; the regular dues are $1 a month for the children. The fruit and vegetable season extends for several months, but Secretary Perkins gives the assurance that no child will have to contribute more than $3 for the harvest season.

Rep. John Z. Anderson of California has locked horns with Madam Perkins and is making a fight to free the children of his state from the unions. Anderson has received a telegram declaring children must join the union as a prerequisite of working in the harvest fields.

The situation is of importance in the northwest, where there is a severe shortage of labor which has been the subject of grange meetings in all three states. To a considerable extent school children are to be engaged in gathering and processing the fruit and vegetable crops; they have always been used, but this year thousands of them are to be so employed. In past seasons the kids were not molested by labor organizers and the wages they earned were not siphoned into a union treasury. Yakima had an experience last year with a union and Yakima fruit was boycotted by Dave Beck's teamsters' union, although some of the plants in the Yakima valley were working on government orders and lend-lease contracts for the allies. There were indications then that the union might invade other areas in the northwest this season.

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FARMING this year is critical because the United States must feed not itself alone but send food to England, Egypt, Russia and China in addition to supplying the innumerable bases in the Pacific and the Atlantic maintained by American forces. The farmers have been increasing their production but are now confronted with the task of finding help for the harvest. The school children have been looked to as a reservoir of labor, but if the unions insist that every school kid join a union or else keep out of the canneries and harvest fields the supply of youngsters will be reduced to a minimum.

Communications

THE VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

To the editor—:

I am writing you in connection with the announcement by President Roosevelt of Friday, April 17, as Victory Book day. On that day Americans everywhere will be asked to contribute as many books as they can possibly spare to the armed forces.

You, whose life and profession is the reading of books, can appreciate possibly more than anyone else, the value of books in keeping up morale and providing recreation and furnishing the spirit and knowledge that will win this war for democracy. To fill the demands of the fighting men, many more books than have been collected so far are urgently needed. Soldiers, sailors and marines clamor for everything from Zane Grey through Shakespeare to text books.

These books will be picked up by members of the local Victory Book campaign in your town if you contact the local library, which is acting as campaign headquarters.

Thank you for your good efforts in this direction.

Sincerely,
Norman Cousins,
Chairman,
Victory Book Campaign Committee.
350 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.

The Predicament of Beagle Farmers

To the editor:

We ask the chamber of commerce and the county court what we people of the cantonment area are going to do and where we are going to go now that the chamber of commerce has been so kind as to send a delegate to Washington, D. C., and assure them that we people are so generous hearted and glad to give our homes for the cause and the agents of the court spreading the glad tidings that we people in Beagle would starve to death if it was not for outside work, then Mr. Farm Loan Appraiser steps in line and all around we Beagle farmers are not getting enough out of our ranches to buy a hovel, let alone another ranch. We have been all over southern Oregon and whether it is a fertile bottom soil or a hill side there is a federal loan on it to as much or more than we are realizing in cash for a farm that feeds thirty head of cows with no outside range or no feed bought during the year, besides threshing from five to six ton of grain.

Now Mr. Big Guys while you are standing on the street corners jingling your coin you have salvaged out of the cantonment, just give a thought to the farmers you are forcing out of their homes and in many instances out of business entirely for the lack of money enough to buy some place else and start over again.

If there is any way more we homeless farmers can help in this cause just let us know as we want to see someones pockets bulging.

AGNES SANDERSON
Beagle, Ore.

A Mother's Recollection

To the editor:

I saw a week or so ago, your announcement of Albert S. Rosenbaum's retirement, when I saw his picture in your paper, I could not help but remember about in 1914, my little son Dick Painter went home with some of his little friends and neighbor boys and stayed until they departed for Sunday school. These children promised Dick's mother they would bring him home if she would let him play with them.

However, instead of making their word good, they asked him to go part way with them to Sunday school, being on Main street in Central Point so the youngster took a notion he would like to go down to the depot, get on number 13 passenger train, go to Ashland to see his Aunt Julia. As he boarded the train there was a gentleman got on too so naturally the conductor thought the boy belonged to this man but it happened a neighbor saw this little lad but could not reach the station before the train pulled out so all he could do was go back down to Dick's mother and tell her about what he saw. She could hardly believe her ears, thinking Mr. Joe Hitch must be mistaken so they phoned ahead to have the child put off at Ashland but in a short while Mr. Albert S. Rosenbaum drives into the yard with the lad. What a relief to his mother.

But in your paper where you give events happening 20 years ago I clipped it out of the paper. You had his name, Little Willie Painter, he could not talk very plain at that time, and when I asked him where he intended going he said, "Over the hump to see his Aunt Jup." Time changes everything doesn't it? That boy was killed May 17, 1937, at Owen Oregon lumber camp at Butte Falls, Ore. So Mr. Rosenbaum's picture recalled this coincidence to my memory.

I am his Mother,
Mrs. George M. Taylor
Sams Valley, Ore.
April 11th.

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 14, 1932
(It was Thursday)

Al Smith opens war on presidential candidacy of Roosevelt by declaring, "I ll take off my coat and fight demagogic appeals that appeals to the working people by setting class against class." Roosevelt in Jefferson day speech comes out for 'the torgotten man."

Cloudy with showers forecast. High 69, low 30 degrees.

Trout fishing season opens tomorrow.

Jacksonville baseball team to play Talent Sunday.

North Carolina and Kansas only states voting dry in Literary Digest poll.

New hope seen for Crescent City harbor and railroad to coast.

William J. Burns, famous detective, dies suddenly in Florida.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
April 14, 1922
(It was Friday)

Major Harord asks for standing army of 150,000 men, and declares any further cut would endanger country. President Harding asks congress not to further reduce navy.

Rain predicted. High 47, low 27 degrees.

Six Republican candidates for governor as primary filing ends.

Legal fishing season to open tomorrow.

Eight high school boys nabbed by police after they raided a house party and stole the ice cream. They replaced the refreshments and apologized to the hostess.

Rainfall since September short, weather reports show.

Bad weather delays work on Butte Falls road.

Young Mother Dies in Lifeboat When Rescue Ship Near

Lewes, Del., April 14.—(AP)—For 13 days the young mother and her three-year-old child drifted at sea in an open lifeboat, huddled with 11 other survivors for meager protection from wind and rain.

Then, as the child whimpered, the exhausted mother died.

An hour later a plane sighted the bobbing craft and summoned a naval vessel to the rescue.

The fourth naval district told the story after the survivors were landed here, victims of the Palm Sunday sinking of an American freighter - passenger ship.

It was in another lifeboat from the same ship that a child was born to Mrs. Desarka Mohorovic, who reached Norfolk, Va., April 2 with her baby and 87 other survivors.

The woman who died was Mrs. Sora Etter, 26. With her daughter, Miriam, she was on the way from Johannesburg, South Africa, for a reunion with her husband, Samuel, a New York City restaurant proprietor, and his father, Rabbi M. Etter of Harrisburg, Pa.

Essentially a deep-water dweller, the broadbill swordfish comes to the surface to satisfy its weakness for sunbaths.

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