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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The secretary of the treasury pointed with pardonable pride and the proper amount of official glee on Monday his agents had uncovered 10 million in cash belonging to a central figure in the famous Teapot Dome oil scandal. Tuesday, the House military committee announced it had uncovered "a sordid picture" of war graft and extravagant waste in the war department. Comparisons are odious, but grafts with petards are apt to get hoisted by them.

The sea-serpent vacationists always see from Oregon and Washington beaches from now until snow flies, is apt to be an enemy submarine, even if it was a sea-serpent.

A movie magazine wonders in a headline, "How Will Bing Crosby Live on \$25,000 a Year?" Barring misfortune inspired by his crooning, he will undoubtedly make it, if he really tries.

"Mercy was what that kid was entitled to. Justice would do as much for him as the Duke of Windsor is doing to win the war for Britain."—(Chico (Cal.) Enterprise).—Or, a British general with a title.

The watermelon crop of the valley is beginning to shape up but are still too small for profitable stealing.

Bob Hammond, Sr., G. Neilson and Joe Filgeel observed wedding anniversaries this week. It is 34 years since the first named looked a preacher in the eye, 28 for the second and 14 for the last named.

Even the CoC. endorses the lowest opinion of a Californian on the valley weather as now perpetrated.

THE MUFFLED KNOCK

(Chicago Tribune)

"I have just had a most heartening view of democracy in action. I worked on the sugar registration for two days. Our clientele ranged from ladies of the Gold Coast to the humblest kind of illiterate, including one well-known movie star."

Plans for a state fair this year are indefinite. This event was always a sure-fire guarantee for a sod-soaking rain to put the forests in safe condition for deer hunting.

A commentator reports M. Laval of France "would stab Hitler in the back, in a flash if he had a chance." This is the first time since 1914 anything nice has been said about M. Laval and there is some good in the worst of men.

At the ball game last night it was colder than the Russian front last winter, and Herb Strang's dinky mustache had to crawl up his nose to keep warm.

The republican party will now get some place. It's national bigwigs are fighting among themselves, in a democratic manner, like democrats.

IRATE CITIZEN

"It happened at a mid-city intersection when the unknown citizen saw blaring headlines in Philadelphia newspapers announcing the Jap raid on Alaska. He bought every paper on the news stand, tore each one into shreds and cast the pieces angrily into a waste receptacle. "Brushing his hands, he continued down the street, buying all newspapers in sight, ripping them up in a frenzy and casting them away."—(Press Dispatch).

Oregon Wins Rubber Drive

Three rousing cheers for Oregon!

In this scrap-rubber drive the West beats the East, and in the "Winning West" the Webfoot State leads them all.

On a per capita basis—which, of course, is the only way to figure the winners—Oregon leads with nearly 6 pounds per person. In the western states, Arizona is second to Oregon with an average of 5.15 pounds, Idaho next with 4.95; Washington third with 4.65 and California fourth, with 3.33. The national average to date is slightly over one pound and one half.

Not bad. In fact very good. Only added evidence that in this war business Oregon takes second place to no American commonwealth.

Just Another Query

In looking over the M. T. files yesterday we ran across this editorial comment of nearly a year ago:

"Why spend 40 or 50 million dollars on a super-dread-naught when one dive-bomber can sink it, and the same amount of money will produce a fleet of them?"

Well the question has been pretty emphatically answered in the latest super-navy bill.

Not a battleship in the entire carload—practically every cent of the 8½ billion spent on airplane carriers, and naval protection for them.

Which arouses another inquiry namely:

"With the airplane carrier so vulnerable to air attack, how about developing a type of fighter plane that can protect a long-distance bomber to its distant objective and back."

In other words how about extending the distance that a LAND-BASED bomber can cover effectively, instead of compelling the navy to rely too much upon sea bases that can easily be sunk, i. e.: upon airplane carriers?

We admit it's easy to ask questions, not so easy to find the answers. However, query No. 1 was answered very satisfactorily, perhaps query No. 2 eventually will be.

Victory In Defeat

In the military record-book the battle of Bataan has been set down as the most crushing defeat ever suffered by an American army.

Technically that is true. The U. S. army was forced to lay down its arms and hand over the Philippines to the Japs entirely and unconditionally.

BUT the more one learns of the details of that conflict, the stronger the belief becomes that in every sense but the purely military, that battle was an American triumph.

For it demonstrated, without any question of doubt, that the alleged soft, pleasure-loving and peace-inclined United States, when it comes to a show-down in war HAS what it takes.

YES, the soldiers on that island against overwhelming odds and with no REAL hope of victory from the outset; gave a demonstration of courage, resourcefulness and utter disregard for death, which been surpassed by no combination in the present world-wide conflict.

In fact we have a pious idea that when a historical perspective is ultimately obtained, only the peasant soldiers of Russia will be able to challenge the showing of the comparatively untrained U. S. doughboys of Bataan, even though with the Muscovites as well, the technical and initial result MAY be defeat.

IN the current Readers Digest the details of this unequal conflict are brought out in an 18-page feature, by Lieut. Colonel W. J. Clear, who escaped by submarine from the Philippines with important U. S. army documents, when surrender became imminent.

Certainly if any doubt of the American morale and fighting heart existed this intensely interesting narrative should remove it. Some may be surprised at the large sprinkling of typical Yankee humor running through all the incidents, but as the late Admiral Sims once remarked, the one sure sign of high morale with the Anglo-Saxon is a sense of humor, "as long as he keeps that he keeps his head and swings with both fists, when he loses it watch out, his head may go with it!"

THE entire article is not only worth reading but worth preserving.

For no better evidence could be supplied not only to elevate our somewhat flagging spirits, but remove all doubt as to what the result will be when Uncle Sam really starts to fight—gets to a place where he is on something approaching even terms, instead of being hog-tied and thrown into a fox hole as he was at Corregidor and on the Bataan peninsula.

When that time comes Messrs. Hitler, Mussolini and Hirioto will discover that in another direction their pre-war dope was all wet!

Communications

Objects to Sugar Program

To the editor: I agree with Mrs. Doran's letter in Monday's Tribune. We, in the Trail district at 1 on the Crater Lake highway must drive fifty to seventy miles, only to find that sugar ration blanks for canning are in minus quantity. When we are urged to save tires and gasoline, this seems like an unnecessary burden put upon us. It is doubly important that farmers and others living so far from markets should conserve and can fruit

and vegetables and save in every way. Since the highway in to Medford has been changed for us of this district and we must travel so much farther on a road that is none too good, why can't we have some other method of obtaining our canning sugar?

MRS. CARMA McCARTY
Box 38, Trail.

Believe Mallon's Not Sound

To the editor: Would it be presumptuous for me to suggest that Paul Mallon's logic is not sound in his letter to Private Holloman. He is merely surrendering before the battle.

There are no arguments now

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.

SAFE AND SOUND REDUCING

Don't Meddle With Thyroid

Besides hypothyroidism, obesity, described earlier, and everyday nutritional obesity, which is the familiar insidious accumulation of slacker flesh which so many adults show in the late thirties and early forties when CVD begins, there is a third type of obesity which is neither due to



Dr. Brady wrong eating nor amenable to right eating. This is hypothyroidism.

The thyroid gland is a ductless gland, supplying an internal secretion, endocrine or hormone to the blood but having no ordinary secretion. The endocrine or hormone it produces and supplies to the blood regulates metabolism. Metabolism is the oxidation process, the combustion of fuel, body tissue or food, to yield the energy or heat constantly required by the involuntary muscles of the body (as of the heart blood vessels, stomach, intestine etc.) to perform the vital functions and by the voluntary muscles to do their work. When the thyroid gland fails to supply enough of this internal secretion the entire vital machinery slows down, metabolism rate is low, and various characteristic signs and symptoms develop, which need not concern us here, except the one we are discussing, obesity.

Hypothyroid (hypo means under or less than normal) obesity presents peculiar features, such as pads of fat over the collar bones, and the firm, resistant fat pads do not pit on pressure, dullness of mind and tendency to fall asleep, sensitivity to cold even when the atmosphere seems comfortable or too warm for others and tendency to wear more clothing than normal persons, do in order to keep warm, loss of expression of face, gloomy spirit or temperament, wax-like complexion, tendency to become blue or cyanotic on exposure to cold slow pulse, subnormal body temperature. These are common manifestations of hypothyroidism.

No amount of dieting alone can bring about reduction of hypothyroid obesity. The successful treatment of this condition demands administration of the proper amount of thyroid endocrine, and even if the layman can purchase thyroid extract without a prescription it is far too dangerous for an intelligent person to meddle with. Thyroid as a medicine may be safely taken only under the constant observation and control

against a world federation, that were not used in 1776 against the federation of the thirteen states, and no greater obstacles to be overcome than at that time, considering conditions then, and now. Even Washington did not believe it could be accomplished, but as it was the only hope, it WAS accomplished.

And it stands before the world today as the best hope, if not the only one. There is no more sense in asking who would run the police force than there is in asking, which one of our forty-eight states should control our federal power.

The fundamental principles on which our federation was founded are as sound today as ever, the protection of the individual in his rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." When the individual is protected all are protected.

We need have no fear of India or China, dominating the world; they have no desire in that direction, but if they did it would be a lot better than it is now. At the end of this war the United States will be the strongest power on earth (shoulder Hitler wins) and on its shoulders will rest the greatest responsibility, and we hope we will not repeat the shameful way of shirking that responsibility we did after the first war.

Man has made wonderful progress in science and mechanics, but has made no progress, in fellow man, it is time now to take the first step. As a world power we have reasonably good organization for preventing crime in county, city, state and nation. Go one step higher and make it cover kings, emperors, and dictators. That is all that is necessary. Jail the robbers, and the murderers. That requires a world police force and a world court.

The one great caution to be exercised is "organized selfishness." That is the cause of all wars, and all governmental trouble, that must be nipped in the bud before it ever gets a start, then the matter is simple.

A Farmer's Son.
Medford, June 23d.
(Name on file)

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

These go far beyond the limits of FDR's cost of living yardstick for wages, and probably beyond what the union leaders may expect to get.

The union demanded \$1 a day increase for everyone, \$1 per hour minimum for all workers, and \$1.50 an hour minimum for maintenance workers on a retroactive basis a long way back, together with other concessions. Many other cases seeking \$1 a day increases are piling up in WPB. The Little Steel cases have been there undecided since February. Also a General Motors case has festered there since April 27. WPB has received in all around 200 cases and about 125 are still on hand.

Each labor member of negotiating committees is apparently trying to outdo all others in making demands for the men. Their mass demands are thus being dumped into the lap of WPB, which is now piled high with what might be called political labor demands.

No wage pattern has yet been laid down by WPB. Recently it granted 10 cents an hour increase (80 cents a day) in the Ryan Aeronautical case, but WPB members indicated this was not to be used as a pattern.

On closed shop, however, it has established a loose policy for various forms of the "union maintenance shop" which is, in practical effect, a closed one. In customary form, it allows members to resign from unions at the start of the contract, but not thereafter, and new employees must join the union.

THE British probably did not intend to hold Tobruk this time. The best troops they had there on surrender day were a brigade of Indians and a division of South Africans, along with anti-aircraft units and supplies men. Apparently they intended to blow up their ammunition and escape on the boats. The port could not be used as a plane and sea base for defense of Malta with so much

German aircraft around, and the cost of a siege this time would have been dear.

But the Germans took them by surprise. The crafty Marshal Rommel changed tactics from the last campaign.

Then he had by-passed Tobruk and pursued the British into Egypt with the main part of his force, coming back later to lay siege. That gave the Tobruk forces time to get ready.

Last Saturday he gave them no time. His dive bombing planes took their small airforce by surprise and he pierced their outer lines and captured the city before they had time to carry out their mission of destroying their ammunition.

It was another case of inferior British generalship in keeping with the rest of the Libyan campaign.

MUD-SLINGING always follows a lost campaign. Several military interpreters are throwing some at our tanks. They assume that the big Nazi 88 mm guns were in German tanks and that these blasted our "General Grants" out of the desert.

If this was true, and our tank is inferior to the Nazis, the implications would be terrific upon our war effort, particularly as to establishing of a second front in Europe, and as to the length of the war (it might take perhaps a year to change our tank and get a new model into action in great quantities).

Fortunately all this is not true and the experts who are making such assertions are inadvertently doing damage to our cause. Every reporter in the field in Libya says the American "General Grant" tank stood up well, some saying the British conceded it was "the best in the field."

The only complaint heard from the front was that it has a limited traverse (a defect corrected in subsequent models). The trouble was only 30 percent of the tanks in action were ours, 70 percent were British.

Furthermore those Nazi 88's were not in German tanks, but were towed or self-propelled field pieces (artillery). That gun seems to be about the only superiority the Germans had, and its effectiveness could have been offset by more careful use of American and British tanks (they ran into artillery traps). It is officially correct that the British themselves believed they

had more tanks, more planes and more troops than the Germans at the beginning of the battle. They requested nothing more from us.

All the mud-slinging in the world cannot obliterate the fact that our side would have won if we had a general capable of smartly handling what he had.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
June 25, 1932
(It Was Saturday)

A. W. Pipes comes out for County Judge on independent ticket.

Moratorium for auto license buying held impossible.

Fair. High 90, low 50 degrees.

Illinois delegation comes out for Roosevelt for president on Democratic ticket.

Dissension hits bonus arm in Washington, D. C.

Medford guardsmen enjoy pranks at Clatsop Blivouac.

Harvesting of apricots to start July 10.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
June 25, 1922
(It Was Sunday)

Wife of governor of Illinois dies of excitement following acquittal of husband of charges of conspiracy to defraud.

Mt. Everest again defeats efforts of man to climb it.

Hottest day of the year with high of 102.5 degrees, low 53. Continued hot weather predicted.

Navy crew defeats Washington at Poughkeepsie.

Mayor Pop Gates returns from a political meeting at Portland, where he was mentioned as an independent candidate for governor.

W. O. Webster of the Associated Oil Company leaves for Montague, Calif., where he will arrange for gasoline for six airplanes to land there this week.

Fish good on Rogue River now, Toggery Bill Isaacs reports.

Here are useful tips on CANNING FRESH FRUITS*



When you can cherries unpitted, prick each cherry to prevent shrinkage. Save the juice from your cherries to make syrup.



In making syrup for canning peaches, put in one cracked peach pit for each quart of syrup—adds flavor. Strain out the peach pit when ready to use the syrup.



Canned fruit in glass jars is protected from losing color by storing in dark, cool, dry place until served.



Apples may be baked before canning; add sugar to taste and water if necessary. They may also be boiled whole in syrup.



To prevent discoloration in pears, place pared fruit in solution of 2 tablespoons each of salt and vinegar to a gallon of water.

Get your extra sugar for canning—help U. S. conserve health-giving fruits

For every four quarts of fruit put up this summer you can buy an extra pound of sugar. Information on this new sugar-for-canning allotment is now available through your local ration board.

Home canning is thrifty, easy to do. And it helps the U. S. war effort by conserving fruit. With the new sugar allotment you'll be able to hold pleasing sweetness in canned fruits—be sure of good keeping quality, too.

For the duration of this war sugar is precious. We are getting no sugar at all from the Philippines, less than formerly from other Pacific

areas. Sugar must be shared with our allies and distilled to make ammunition. No good American will waste sugar!

But there's no likelihood of this country ever going without sugar. For we have, in growing supply, the good beet sugar of the West. This home-grown sugar is one reason why you'll have sugar for your summer canning.

Pure beet sugar looks and tastes exactly the same as any other quality sugar. It's just as pure and wholesome. It acts the same in cooking—and in all canning!

The top-quality sugar home-grown in the West



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