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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Fourth of July tomorrow will be "safe and sane."

Its safety and sanity is apt to be lonesome with the rest of the world everything else but.

Idealists, of which former President Hoover is one, proclaim "the world can have peace, or revenge, but not both."

Eminent opponents of this line of thought opine the world will get both, because this time the hard-bolled, not the meek will "inherit the earth."

The meek wrote the Treaty of Versailles, Germany, and the little Axis lands, need the "iron hand" and policing by the United Nations.

Another nutty paperhanger might come along and "mislead" them into World War III, some day.

A. W. (Dad) Lynch is celebrating his 57th wedding anniversary today.

For fear of increasing the heat, he wants iceless instead of candles on the anniversary cake.

MENTAL GYMNASTICS

(Longview (Wash.) News)

"The young Democrats

keyed it at their meeting the other night and we attributed that to youthful ignorance.

But we see their seniors have done likewise and we dare say that not a fraction of either group knew what issues this measure involves.

We have attempted to analyze it but it's too much for us. We have talked to lawyers who tried to and they can't make much out of it."

A subscriber writes he would like to see a man worth \$700,000 a year. Most folks would rather see the \$700,000.

The British in Egypt have demonstrated again they fight best with their backs to the wall, as long claimed. They also think best when their heads are in the same position. When things looked blackest a surprise maneuver before Alexandria placed Gen. Rommel in a military jackpot largely of his own making.

The official fretting over whether the eight Nazi saboteurs, transported to these shores by U-boats and captured by the FBI will retain their legal rights has been cleared by the appointment of a military commission, though by their acts, they had no legal rights in the first place. They can't file an affidavit of prejudice, and have their trials transferred to Berlin.

Congress is arguing over adjourning a month for a rest "while the war is raging." The rest would also be enjoyed by the public. Besides it would be a welcome change to have nothing but the war raging.

Any number of the fair sex have acquired a "beautiful sun-tan" the past week, and now are as brown as a nut, berry or Indian.

Another citizen—this time an "amateur geologist" did not know "a war was going on" until arrested as a draft evader. Close questioning revealed he knew the last one was over.

"Recently the newspapers reported the arrest of a sneak thief who had victimized scores by getting in as fake 'Consolidated Edison' wiring inspector. He'd enter the store in overalls, and come out considerably fatter because of the stolen suit he would have on under the overalls." — (Exchange) — And, warmer.

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

What a Relief!

Leon Henderson, and other key officials in Washington, are weeping and wailing because their various and sundry appropriations have been cut-down.

The CCC has been cut off entirely. The Department of Agriculture wants the modest sum of \$680,000,000 and will probably get most of it, but nothing has been authorized as yet. In various and sundry other federal departments, the grand and glorious spending spree, appears to be slowing down somewhat, and easy money seems to be dwindling a trifle. As a result one hears a terrific tearing of shirts and gnashing of molars in the check-writing departments, as the congress adjourns for the week-end holiday.

WELL, as in all such reactions, the economy drive may be overdone and some regrettable dislocations result. But all in all, this determination in Washington to cut expenditures, not ESSENTIAL to the conduct of the war TO THE BONE, and divert the savings to what must be done at the front, strikes this column as both refreshing and desirable.

Certainly this much is true. The wholesale and indiscriminate spending that has been going on ever since December 7th last, not only for war, but for relief, social advancement, the moral regeneration of the dingusdangus and what have you?—must stop or—

Even the richest country on earth will go bankrupt!

SO we heartily welcome this sudden change of front in the halls and committee rooms of the congress, —a determination to at least secure a temporary breathing spell, add up a few totals, see how much money Uncle Sam really has stored away in the old sock, and take a few practical financial bearings before the order to go full-steam-ahead is again announced.

What About Sebastopol?

We are asked to settle a wager: Mr. A says Sevastopol HAS fallen; Mr. B, says it HASN'T. Who is right?

Sorry, boys, but it can't be done. Not at this distance.

We have our own idea, but it's nothing to pay cash money on. However if you insist, here goes:

It's a draw. Both A and B are right, from one angle, both wrong from another.

A is right when he says Sevastopol has fallen because the main citadel did fall into German hands Wednesday last.

B is right when he says it hasn't, because there was no formal surrender on the part of the Red commander, he withdrew, retreating slowly through the environs, to maintain a holding action, while he made it possible for the main force to escape.

SO to decide this wager one would have to FIRST have an exact technical definition of what "to fall" in modern warfare means.

If it means "surrender" by the defenders, B wins. If it means the loss of control of the chief strategic point, and a DECISION in favor of the attackers, "A" wins.

Without any such clear-cut definition of terms, however, this department will be compelled, with the information available, to raise both hands and declare all bets off.

Beware of the 4th!

Tomorrow is July 4th! Although some forest areas will be closed because of extra hazardous conditions, citizens here will welcome the announcement that the woods of southern Oregon will be open to holiday campers this week-end. The staff of the Rogue River National Forest has made a real effort to bring this about.

Just how long the forests here will remain open will depend upon one thing—public cooperation.

BUT, when Mom, Pop and the kiddies begin their Fourth of July jaunt into the big timber tomorrow they should keep firmly in mind the stern warnings of General DeWitt, commander of the western defense area, of Oregon's Governor Sprague and of forestry officials here. Sensible precautions MUST be taken—no smoking while traveling on forest roads, no camp fires without permits except on improved and posted camp grounds, no fire-building without the always important axe, shovel and water bucket at hand.

THE danger of forest fires is always imminent in seasons such as this, when temperature is high and humidity low. If the utmost care is practiced by all who enter the woods, we may get through this season without serious trouble.

Destruction of forests by fire in normal times is criminal, but in war-time it is sabotage. The blaze born of a thoughtless act can be just as damaging to our war effort, just as costly in vitally-needed lumber, just as helpful to the Axis cause, as the fire set by the saboteur.

AND so,—it is the duty of every man, woman and child who enters the forests tomorrow to see that no careless act will make them unintentional saboteurs—for whether deliberately or accidentally set, fires in northwest forests now are sabotage.

The forests are open, the 53 fine forest camps in this area are ready. Let us use them, enjoy them to the utmost, but NOT destroy them through carelessness. Military and forest officials are confident that we will accept the responsibility and trust which they have reposed in us.

Let us be on guard. Let us "Keep Oregon Green"—for victory today, for generations of the future.—HG

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.

WHO CARES ABOUT GAMMAS AND THINGS?

Life is short, at least I find it so, this grand bowling weather and the greens in the finest condition ever, so, children, please spare me all the m thematic problems—that will be as good as a vacation for me, and besides it will enable me to put in just that much more time on questions readers submit by mail. Sometimes believe it or not, correspondents accuse me of swiping the stamps from their self-addressed envelopes and throwing their letters in the chucker, and sometimes they are right. But most of the time the letter is waiting here on my desk, until I can ponder the problem carefully and send the answer I'd want if I were in the correspondent's place. I may seem hard-boiled sometimes, but underneath the cloak I'm not a bad scout—when I go to bed nights I like to say my prayers and think I've done my good deed for the day.

In order to apprise the insistent demand for useless information and ease my conscience a bit, I'll give here all of it I can garner in reference to vitamin potencies or units for measuring vitamin strength.

A gram is the metric unit of weight—the weight of a cubic centimeter of water at a temperature of 4 degrees C. (about 39 degrees F., a few degrees above freezing). A milligram (mg.) is one-thousandth of a gram. A microgram is one-thousandth of a milligram. Sometimes, to make it harder, micrograms are called "gamma". Now a gram is approximately equal to 15 1/2 grains. A milligram is approximately equal to 1/65th of a grain. A microgram is approximately 1/6800th of a grain, one-millionth of a gram. Please don't blame me for this. You asked for it. I wouldn't know—I'm just copying the answers out of the book.

One international unit is the same as one U.S. unit—or was at four o'clock last week. It is not at all clear why the U.S.P. horned into the argument at all.

One international unit of B1 (thiamin) is approximately equivalent to 4 Sherman units, but don't bank on this, for the boys in the laboratory are still arguing about it.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Eyes Water in Wind

I am 75 years old. Eyes water all the time, especially in the wind. Had this trouble about three years. Have tried vitamin A, two eye doctors, no benefit. Eyes examined by both eye doctors and both said my present glasses are all right. (P. J. J.)

Answer—Dismissing myself as a second-eight artist for the once—I suggest that you substitute plain white and wheat germ for half of the white flour or white flour products in your diet, drink at least a quart, better three pints of milk daily, and supplement your daily diet with an optimal ration of vitamin B complex. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "Wheat to Eat."

Canker Sores

I have two, three or four canker sores practically all the time. Have been a sufferer for 28 years. With the sores at their worst I do not eat. Have been hospitalized for four months at a time from just canker sores. Best treatment I have found is to touch the sore with 10 per cent silver nitrate solution. If caught at the early stage this seems to freshen the solution must be fresh. If any gets on bathroom fixtures it leaves a stain that cannot be removed. (J. D. T.)

Answer—Thank you. Ordinarily touching canker sores with MILD tincture of iodine (the 2 1/2 per cent strength tincture expressly intended for popular use as first aid disinfectant etc.) once daily for a day or two, and using agreeably warm solution of heaping teaspoonful borax in pint of boiled water as mouthwash many times a day, will relieve canker sores quickly. Of course avoid toothbrush and dentifrices, harsh food. In some cases of recurring canker sores excellent results are obtained from daily doses of 100 to 200 milligrams of niacin amide (formerly known as nicotinic acid.)

Sterility

Can a physician determine whether a man is sterile or not? (I. G.)

Answer—In many instances microscopic test enables the physician to determine fertility or infertility with reasonable certainty, but in only a minority of instances can such a test or any test show positively that the individual is sterile. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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shaping, casting, ornamental chromium, copper, brass makers) are going into retirement. It is believed around 70,000 small manufacturers may fold their cards within the next year, which would be roughly one-third of the manufacturing units of the country.

The farmer is doing well. His income will be up \$2,000,000,000 this year, an increase of about 20 per cent. He is buying more and more from mail order houses and in small nearby towns, due to the gas and rubber pinch. In fact some experts here believe the small town may be restored to its pre-automobile dignity in American life before this war is over.

The only organizations which will get rich and stay there, however, are the union labor groups. Size of their large income increase is secret to them, but they are not subject to taxes and hence will not pay their war profits back into the government.

Some carpenters who never made more than \$35 a week in their lives in rural areas in the midwest are getting \$100 a week. Sons just out of high school are in some sections getting more money than their fathers for unskilled work in booming defense areas.

BUT both real estate and building industries are feeling a painful pinch. Even in boom areas, no one wants to buy, everyone wants to rent.

Defense building is being handled by a comparatively small number of large contractors. The little builder was practical-

ly thrown out by a shortage of materials.

Small stores, handling one class of goods, are beginning to be forced out (radios, phonographs, hardware, household appliances, wearing apparel), also being eliminated are the small marginal stores which cannot get stocks.

THE department stores, however, have ample stocks, in certain instances goods are being sold at less than the wholesale cost of reproduction (New York area report).

The great bulk of vacant stores on Main street so far, however, are those formerly occupied by auto dealers.

Food and drug stores are doing well in most communities, but in some rural areas, a large number of people have left for the army or defense jobs, and these sections are suffering.

Wall Street is shot. The amusements businesses offer contrasts as wide as industry. Those in boom areas, which do not depend on motor trade, are profiting, the others are losing out. Seaside beach resorts are living from hand to mouth, and so are the summer vacation places. Summer theaters are dead.

DOCTORS are scarce, due to army calls upon the profession. Those who are remaining in civilian service are able to collect their bills. Lawyers, on the other hand, are suffering.

The government has discovered more lawyers have come to Washington in search of jobs than any other class. A few big ones, handling large contracts, have profited enormously, however.

The soft drink industry is staggering as far as the public market is concerned, but some of the largest concerns are secretly using their machinery in war business under government contracts. There were about 1,000,000 salesmen on the road in the country, perhaps are not half that many now.

Life insurance business is not good, because the white collar people who buy it generally, are hurt deeply by the war economy, while the skilled workers whose income is being increased, generally trust to social security.

In one group, there are 5,000,000 persons employed in state, city and local governments in this country (mostly teachers, police, firemen) who are facing a 15 per cent increase in the cost of living without increases in income.

SOME businesses are allowing war restrictions to cut overhead. Restaurants give you much less sugar but do not charge you any less.

Delivery services around Washington have virtually been abandoned. Milk dairies now deliver only every other day. Gas dealers cut their overhead with the 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. closing and elimination of Sunday service hereabouts, but the cost of gas has gone up more than 3 cents since the first of the year.

The oil industry was a booming war baby at the start, but has been in depression since the shortage of tankers. Some authorities expect the little independents will be crowded out.

Airlines lost their booming profits when the government seized half their planes, cleaning shops cannot get fluid for cleaning in the east.

Undertakers, however, are doing about the same business as usual.

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