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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The President feels the British would be justified in sinking the French warships at Alexandria to prevent them falling into the hands of the Axis, as planned by Vichy. Such an event would also mark the finish of Pierre Laval, the French traitor and his probable demise from Nazi lead poisoning. What on earth the British are waiting for the average man knoweth not.

Sen. Rufus Holman jabbed his critics and displayed his gumption at a meeting of The Dalles civic leaders Tuesday when charged with being "pre-Paris Harbor isolationist." He defended his position as a non-fence straddler, a rubber stamp, who if occasion required, would talk back to Secy. Ickes.

One Washington, D. C., family raked in \$613,798 last year from war contract commissions, and a lively social lion of the national capital cornered 413-463 bucks at the same source. None of the lot are exhausted from their war effort and all can stand up and sing "Gosh! How the Money Rolls In!" to the tune of the "Star Spangled Banner."

PERISH THE THOUGHT!
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

"We suggested that they might get a room for the night in a private house. They said that would be satisfactory. We called several home owners we knew who have rooms to rent. All had vacancies but said that they had 'summer school students' in their other rooms and they were all girls so they couldn't take a man into the house! We suggested to one woman that the officer's wife would probably protect the other ladies from her husband, but the sarcasm didn't register."

One of the City Park Field Marshals in charge of strategy reports the failure of the United Nations to establish a Second Front in Europe has made him mad enough to eat fried chicken.

The state is willing to contribute the old battleship Oregon to the scrap metal drive, under certain conditions, the Governor reports. Thus a shrine of patriotism is reduced to the humble status of a stove-lid, or the broken axle of a model T. If the same avid passion to collect scrap-iron for our own use, as was expended in harvesting it for aid sale to Japan, a few years back, can be mustered, maybe the hallowed bulk can be spared such an inglorious fate.

"There are only two county commissioners, and one is too old and the other too small to undertake a hand-to-hand argument with a police officer under any kind of circumstances."—The perfect alibi.

READIN' & EATIN'
"Have you read such-and-such?" you ask someone. "Oh yes, indeed. Lovely, isn't it?" he gurgles. "I read the digest of it." In our none-too-private opinion, he has not read it at all. He would not consider that he had dined if he had had one mouthful of soup, one forkful of meat and mashed potato, one bit of pie, one sip of coffee. He would protest indignantly to the cook that he had NOT been fed. Neither has he been nourished mentally when he has only tasted of an author's wares."—(Marysville (Calif.) Democrat.

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

Medford's War Job

This will be brief. Such an appeal should not be necessary at all.

But there are some good people here who don't seem to realize there is a war on.

These people have rooms they could let to relieve the critical housing shortage, but for one reason or another they don't find it convenient.

NOT CONVENIENT!

We wonder how convenient they think this war is to those who are preparing to fight—and if need be,—die in it!

How convenient is it out at Camp White, rain, shine or heat, to prepare a triangular division in a few short months to pick its way through U-boat infested waters, take its place on some foreign battle front and tackle highly trained mechanized armies that have been preparing for this war for TEN YEARS!

NOT convenient!

Who ever heard of a war that was. Who ever heard of a nation winning a war, whose people,—or any material proportion of them,—placed their personal convenience ahead of their DUTY.

And that is all this housing problem boils down to,—just doing our bit,—and a very LITTLE bit,—in aiding the national war effort,—an effort that must be successful or this country, and all it stands for, is doomed.

WE can't believe it is necessary to dilate on this point or wax melodramatic concerning it.

We wouldn't, in fact, believe such a situation COULD exist in a community of this sort, if we were not assured by both military and civil authorities, that it does.

But there it is, and there we are. Practically all the officers and men at Camp White will live there. But their wives and families can't. And they, particularly the former, many of them alone,—MUST be taken care of, decently and promptly.

THERE is good reason to believe that if ALL residents who have spare rooms—or could easily arrange for them,—would file them with the proper authorities, at fair prices and under reasonable restrictions, and DO IT NOW, they WOULD BE!

Need we go on? This is no humdinger problem. It is a WAR problem. The people of this community asked for a war job, vital to the defense of their country. The question now is, are we going to lie down, or are we going THROUGH with it?

That's all. File your rooms at the local Chamber of Commerce and do it tomorrow if you can't tonight!

The 'Other Side' of Profiteering

There are two sides to every question,—if one cares to hunt for them. We doubt, however, if many people will care to hunt for the "other side" of this war-profiteering question. But there is one.

MR. Horace Ward, for example, described as a "go-getter type" of commission man, admits before the house naval committee "he entertained coast guard and naval officers frequently" and "in 18 months made a net profit of \$431,463 on war contracts", resulting therefrom.

"We the people" raise our hands in horror at such shameless profiteering and want a law to put the greedy grafter in jail.

All natural enough no doubt.

BUT the other side of the question is this: Such a law was asked by the American Legion, before this war started and many times since, but the people,—or at any rate their representatives in congress,—turned it down cold. And for that matter so did the President of the United States and his "kitchen cabinet".

Why? Because it was deemed impractical. Conscripting property and profits as well as men, was a swell idea in theory but it just wouldn't work.

SO-O-O—Smart "go-getters" like this Mr. Ward saw an opportunity and took advantage of it.

With the war on and everything sacrificed to the winning of it, Mr. Ward visited a certain manufacturing executive in the Middlewest and said he had a ten million dollars contract in his pocket, for airplane parts, involving a cool million dollar profit. All he asked was a one percent commission on the gross, and the deal was closed.

DID the executive want it? Don't be silly. How many business executives would not want a million dollar profit, at a one percent discount for cash?

So Mr. C. E. got his ten million, less one percent for cash and Mr. Ward got his \$100,000 for 10 days work.

Pretty soft? Yes, but what's wrong with it, as long as we live under a profit system, and must win a war under it?

We can't have our cake and eat it too. We can't REFUSE to do away with the profit system in time of war, and then complain because having adopted it,—it works!

That is the "other side" of the profiteering question, but not many people, we fear, are particularly interested in it!

Private motorcars in Ireland may not be used for sports meetings, for holiday driving, social calls, shopping and other nonessential uses.

Need for economizing on steel, timber and labor in the United Kingdom has resulted in developing several types of prefabricated houses.

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, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

HOW ARE YOU BREATHING?

I don't know why it is necessary to teach school children natural breathing (writes a public school music supervisor) but it is. Apparently children acquire the artificial chest breathing habit before the fourth grade. Therefore I don't think their music teachers or physical education instructors are responsible, particularly as I know many in my profession who do teach correct breathing. Maybe the primary room teachers, with the best of intentions, start the children off wrong. I don't know if not—then I guess "natural" breathing does not come natural to a child but must be taught.



(Signed) Music Supervisor, Schools

Some primary teachers probably share the common notion of the laity that chest expansion is the chief feature of correct breathing. This has been emphasized in nearly all so-called physical training, athletics, military training and even in the physical education of yesterday. It is encouraging to note that it is pretty well ignored or eliminated from military training of the present day.

Even this music supervisor who evidently knows what he is talking about boggled when it came to belly breathing. Diaphragm is as practically as much concerned in chest breathing as it is in belly breathing. The diaphragm is a muscle stretched across the great body cavity, dividing it into the thorax or chest as it is commonly called and the abdomen. The diaphragm is neither in the thorax or chest nor in the abdomen, but between them.

When the diaphragm, the main breathing muscle, contracts it pushes on the structures in the abdomen—stomach, liver, spleen, intestines, and pushes the belly forward, and draws air into the lungs. When the diaphragm relaxes its pressure on the structures in the abdomen is removed, the expanded belly which has bulged outward during the inspiration or inhalation deflates, as one might say, and air is expelled from the lungs by the elastic rebound of diaphragm, and this is natural, quiet expiration or exhalation. By voluntary effort still more

air may be forced out after the natural quiet expiration, and this brings into play numerous other secondary muscles of breathing as well as the diaphragm.

On request, accompanied with stamped envelope bearing your address, I'll send a copy of the pamphlet "Belly Breathing" which can do no one any harm, may do many invalids or semi-invalids much good.

QUESTION & ANSWERS

Type of Mattress

Which type of mattress would be better for infants 21 months and 6 months old cotton filled or inner spring? B. T.

Answer—No difference from viewpoint of health or hygiene. Generally a mattress reasonably firm and unyielding is better for any one—if bed sags in the middle it is advisable to insert a cross-board under mattress and springs to prevent the sagging.

Ringworm

Our daughter had an obstinate ringworm infection of the hands from handling papers. After she had tried prescriptions by several physicians without result we had some of the Whitfield ointment, described in your pamphlet, put up. Her friends laughed at her and called her "O! Doc Brady." But in a little over a week her ringworm was better and the hands rapidly became smooth and normal and she has not had any sign of it since. (Mrs. C. H. A.)

Answer—Thank you, Ma'am. Pamphlet on Ringworm—Foot. Rich mailed on request—enclose stamped envelope bearing your address.

Tidine

I have been taking tidine as you recommend, but I'd like to know if it is all right for one with high blood pressure. Would it harm one who has rheumatism or heart trouble? (M. H.)

Answer—One with rheumatism, heart trouble of any kind or high blood pressure should leave such a question to the judgment of his physician. On request I am glad to send any reader who provides stamped addressed envelope, instructions for taking the Tidine. This I recommend for men, women and children, especially in areas where soil, food and water are poor in tidine.

Baby Book Silent

Your Baby Book is a most satisfactory guide—I have raised three fine specimens with it. One thing on which you are silent—can a breastfed baby contract any disease via the mother's milk? (Mrs. M. D.)

Answer—Few diseases can be transmitted thru the milk to the nursing infant. Mothers having diphtheria, typhoid fever, syphilis, may nurse the child and the child remains immune—perhaps gets the necessary antitoxin in the milk. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

tricks on Mr. Henderson, because he had not followed the law they wrote for him in the first place. They feel tricked too.

SOME months ago they succeeded in enacting provisions which they thought would give Agriculture Secretary Wickard veto power over Henderson and would assure the farmer his 110 per cent. Mr. Roosevelt stopped that by ominously informing the world in general (but particularly Mr. Wickard) that Mr. Wickard worked for him and

would be expected to follow his wishes.

Henderson never consulted Wickard on anything except wool at the outset and later on fruits and vegetables.

Lately, Mr. Wickard has rejoined hands with farm lobbyists and is supposed to be working on Mr. Roosevelt to get an approval of the pending separate bill granting 100 per cent loans to farmers. Mr. Roosevelt's budget director has approved this, although some authorities suspect that such a permanent step would put all private trading out of business.

ON the other hand and in the other corner, Mr. Henderson is mad as a hornet. He is particularly angry at Wickard for having written him the recent letter forcing him to boost the prices on dried and canned fruits, which he had set to reflect less than 110 per cent parity. He held an off-the-record

MISS PEGGY RIDDLE

WAS FIRST PRIZE WINNER
Last Week In The

ORIENTAL GARDENS

CONTEST FOR
AMATEUR SINGERS

DANCE

Again SATURDAY NIGHT and hear new amateurs perform. CASH PRIZES for the winners—contest open to all—registration at the hall Saturday between 8 and 9 o'clock. Enjoy Ray's incomparable music—dance on southern Oregon's largest and finest floor—remember! It's—

SATURDAY NITE 9:30 to 1:30 o'clock

press conference to vent his anger, some of the words he used were hotter than the American airman customarily employ when they go into a dive on a Jap ship.

All this back and forth news desolves down into the issue of whether the administration's price program will be allowed to stand. There is some justice in the arguments on both sides.

The farmers' goal for years has been 100 per cent parity, and now that the war has brought it in sight, the farm bloc seems greedy to seeking the 110 per cent. Yet the average farm income is much less than the nation's average. Farm labor costs are practically doubled and a shortage exists.

Furthermore, the administration has let labor break through its economic ceiling in some few lines and is supposed to be about to increase the whole labor scale in the "little steel" test case.

BUT as far as justice to all the people is concerned, it is obvious that a breakdown of the Henderson effort at this early date would hoist the nation into dangerous inflationary realm. Prices would be forced up normally by either farm or labor concessions and start a destruction of values, the end of which no one can perceive.

Only one decision is possible for Mr. Roosevelt if he wants to protect the interests of all. He must stop both the farm and labor blocs.

Communications

Medford Housing Problem

To the editor: Ever so often a community is called upon to do more than they think is possible. We have received that call and we know it must be accomplished. For the past week citizens have been called on to list their emergency "rooms for rent" with the organizations of the town now facing the problem of housing the army men and their families. We thank these people who have done so and we ask the others who are about to do so not to hesitate—we need your help now.

These men have given up lives of normal living that many of us still enjoy, to fight a common menace—we can help that fight by making our soldiers feel it is not in vain—that they are not fighting for selfish individuals—help them to enjoy as much of home life as possible—help them to have their wives with them. By renting that empty room, you can feel that you are doing your bit—and you will be more than thanked.

United States' manufacturers consume about 40 percent of the average annual world production of cork of from 250,000 to 300,000 metric tons.

Rationing of clothing in Great Britain permits only about one-half of pre-war purchases.

Buy War Bonds Day and Night

ROXY

Nights Only 6:45-9:00—25c inc. tax
Kiddies 11c inc. tax

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with CHARLES STARRETT

RUSSELL HAYDEN

TWO BIG WESTERNS

SUNDAY and MONDAY

Freddie MARCH
Loretta YOUNG

Bedtime Story

Plus Frances Langford in "SWING IT SOLDIER"

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
July 17, 1932
(It was Monday)

Jules J. Jusserand of France, former ambassador and friend of America dies in Paris.

County to present relief needs to state relief council.

Attempt to set first forest fire of season in Applegate is foiled.

Riots in Germany between Nazis and rival political parties kill 15 persons. Under pressure of Adolf Hitler right of Nazis to wear uniforms is restored.

Drive for railroad to Crescent City continues, but funds are lacking.

Army planes to be stationed at the airport.

Leslie M. Scott resigns state highway commissioner post.

Fair and warmer. High 79, low 53 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
July 17, 1922
(It was Monday)

President ready to use troops in coal mine strike.

Showers of affidavits filed in sheriff recall election.

Tom G. Bradley, superintendent of Copco power houses is in the city today on business.

Rogue River organizes a Community club.

Fair and warm. High 99, low 58 degrees.

Rockefeller fund to aid public health in Jackson county.

Special grand jury to be called next Monday to investigate "outrages" here.

ONE FATALITY

Salem, July 17.—(P)—Only one fatality was among the 1008 accidents reported by Oregon industries during the week ended yesterday, the state industrial accident commission said today. Dan Downer, Mill City logger, was fatally injured June 13 at Gates, Marion county.

The United States' flag is one of the oldest national emblems and the pattern has not been changed except for the addition of stars, according to the Department of Commerce.

Coming SUNDAY...for THREE DAYS!

IT'LL BLAST YOU OUT OF YOUR SEAT... AND MAKE YOUR HAIR STAND ON END!

VERONICA LAKE
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