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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

An exchange reports an old-fashioned taffy pull, a social diversion of the better "horsey-buggy" days. Incidentally, a village cut-up put taffy in the hair of a lady, and was promptly slapped. The nation is in much the same fix. The first smack was administered in the November election.

A man called yes, with a hunk of country bacon. He said he felt like he had a slab of gold from the government cache at Fort Knox, Ky.

There has been nothing like the flight of Marshal Erwin Rommel, the Nazi wonder boy, since the hero chased the villain down the dark alley with a cheese knife.

Japan has given new names to all territory it conquered, pro tem. The Chinamen have not yet decided what they will call Japan, eventually to be one of their vassal provinces.

NON-SOOTHING MUSIC!
(Eugene Register-Guard)
"I'll never forget the time when, for a few months, a vocalist lived in our neighborhood. We still speak of that period in much the same way old-settlers tell about the big freeze, or the grasshopper year." —(Olive Barber Wrights).

The deflation of Il Duce ("He's Gotta Da Becca Da Chest") Mussolini continues.

The new governor favors a short session of the legislature. (Applause.) He should have come out for abolishment of the august body. (Continued applause and cheering.)

The agriculture department has abandoned the policy of "ploughing under" that was to "produce the scarcity of plenty." When it was first broached the alibis in its support were almost as interesting as the claim "packing the Supreme court would unpack it."

After-the-war autos will have the engine in the rear. This will cause speed idiots to back into a phone pole to knock it up where it belongs.

MEET MR. SHDLRUI
(Salem Statesman)
"Bidden to hear the news were Miss Bonny Benson, Miss Cecelia Jacobus, Miss Barbara Leonhardt, Miss Lorraine Overgard and Miss Lorraine Overgard, Miss Willo Lawson and Mrs. Bernice Adams."

Jerry Jerome, the radio-caster, is out after a tilt with the flu, that left him with his vest two sizes too big.

It's just as much trouble these days to keep warm as it was to keep cool last August.

The city of Los Angeles has apologized to Mrs. R., the graceful and charming first lady, because its Mayor said she revealed Pearl Harbor secrets two days after that dastardly event. There were two listeners, and the memory of one failed completely and most gallantly.

Mr. Hoover, former president, proposes two peace making stages, the idea being to get one that will last, in the long run, and the other to be temporary, chiefly to stop the shooting. Blessed be the peacemakers, but they should not start booming, before the cannon quit.

In the metropolises, 92 pedestrians were hailed into court, charged with jay-walking by the police. The suspicion arises that a raid on jay-driving would net as large, if not greater catch.

The Mail Tribune Wants Ads.

The Hoover Peace Plan

Former President Hoover's suggestion that peace—when it comes—be in two sections, strikes this department as an excellent one.

Section No. 1: Instantaneous provisional peace with disarmament of the enemy and immediate concentration toward political, economic and spiritual recovery, of friend and foe alike.

Section No. 2: Later, after there has been time to cool off and work out carefully the multitudinous details, then a peace conference and PERMANENT peace.

Of course there will be objections.

One rather obvious one will be the spiking of any preliminary peace offensive, such as brought about the armistice in 1918.

Wilson's 14 points then proved a vital factor in breaking German resistance. Under the Hoover plan there could scarcely by any repetition of that maneuver. For only PRELIMINARY pledges could be made.

BUT that is hardly a serious defeat.

For as has been repeatedly stated this war, unlike World War No. I, is a war to the death, a war to complete exhaustion.

Before the end, peace offensives may be—probably will be—tried by both sides, but they won't in our judgment at least, get to first base unless and until the side offered them, can no longer effectively resist.

In other words Hoover's Section No. I can hardly be invoked until the Axis in Europe is completely smashed, and the time for peace offensives has therefore passed away. Therefore that objection has hardly half a leg to stand on.

And the big advantage—starting world recovery at the earliest POSSIBLE moment, and framing permanent peace in an atmosphere of sanity and justice, rather than confusion and hatred, is certainly worth fighting hard for and making many sacrifices to attain.

Win the War First

In fact without some such division as outlined above, we question the wisdom of publicly discussing peace terms at all. It is rather like a pugilist, in the midst of a terrific championship encounter, figuring out how he will spend the victor's purse. That mental diversion from the immediate task at hand of WINNING might well mean a sudden clip on the jaw, and no winner's purse at all!

TO further elucidate the point.

Let it be assumed a discussion is now carried on regarding peace terms, on the often-advanced theory that it is as necessary to prepare for peace, as it is for war.

Ok. Well just pick one minor item out of the peace bag that must be settled what is to become of the Croat minority in Yugoslavia? Or what are the final boundaries between Hungary and Rumania to be?

Or again:—How far to the west should the Russian boundaries go, and how much control should Russia have over Poland, Finland, what was Lithuania and Latvia? And while on the subject of Russia what will Stalin demand as far as Hungary, Rumania, yes even Turkey and Greece are concerned?

In the final peace treaty all these problems must be solved somehow. And it will take the greatest tolerance and wisdom the peace conference can produce ever to solve them without sewing the seeds of another war.

In fact the more these details are discussed before final victory the more difficult that victory will be to attain, the longer it will take to reach the desired goal. For if you wish to stiffen Croat morale just hint that peace will mean continued subservience to the Serbs. And if you wish to enrage Stalin just hint the allies, when peace is declared, won't allow Russia to have a stronger national defense against German aggression than she had before!

In other words, once try to fight the PRESENT war on ONE side and the PEACE war on the other and at the same time and things WILL be in a mess, with confusion worse confounded, and allied morale shot a thousand ways to Sunday.

As previously stated regarding Darlan and North Africa. Let FIRST things come FIRST. And the first thing is:—

Smash the Axis, and then and not UNTIL then, bring up the problem of just what must be done in DETAIL to bring about a just and lasting peace!

Troglydites In Tunisia

Behind the guns and pill boxes of Tunisia's "Little Maginot Line" near the Libyan border, is the rolling and rock-strewn land of Matmata. Pock-marked and pitted with huge gopher-like holes, this area presents one of the strangest sights in war-struck Tunisia.

From the surface, the land appears as an almost uninhabited wasteland of hills and hollows. From above, it looks like the craters of the moon or the great yawning holes made by misdirected bombs.

Actually, says the National Geographic Society, these holes are the front yards, or the patios, of the Troglydites—the desert cave dwellers.

In early times when Arab raiders rode through the desert, the Troglydites, seeking safety pockets for themselves and their few world possessions, burrowed deep into the earth. First, large wellways were dug; then deep-set rooms were gouged out of the side-walls of these wellways. Such sunken dwellings were ample protection against the primitive weapons of the invaders. Later, when the danger of enemy attack had faded, the Troglydites found these makeshift "holes" cool and comfortable retreats from the hot sun and winds of the desert and took them for their permanent homes. Here they still live.

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.

DENTIST DARN NEARLY AGREES
A correspondent sends with out comment a letter received from a professor in a college of dentistry, from which I quote:



Dr. Brady

"It is quite true that what Dr. Brady refers to in his column as 'immediate denture service' is frequently possible and even advisable." What a relief! I had almost given up hope of ever saying anything about the teeth or dental treatment which would meet with the approval of the dentists, much less written or spoken acknowledgment. The dentists will never, never forgive me for urging them to adopt the trademark "Dentor" instead of the misleading "Dentor" on their office signs, leaving the trademark "Dentor" exclusively to physicians.

But not so fast. This professor is true to type. Let him qualify his answer:

"We do teach in the college of dentistry, and practice in the infirmary clinic immediate denture service, if and when it is indicated and advisable. As, apparently, you have learned, the chief advantage lies in the fact that habits caused by the loss of natural teeth do not develop, and the embarrassing edentulous period is avoided.

"It is true, however, that artificial dentures which are placed immediately following extraction usually have to be remade in a short time, since there is a loss of tissue and so-called 'shrinkage' of the ridges by the process of nature.

"With my knowledge of the popularity of immediate denture service, I would say that any reputable practitioner of your own choosing should be able to serve you.

"I would differ with Dr. Brady's statement that only the more skillful and progressive dentists are practicing this service. For the past few years there has been a great deal of interest shown by the profession in



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iff laws there may be brought in from Canada 200,000,000 or 300,000,000 bushels of feed grain to be sold to cattlemen who wish to fatten stock before sending it to market. This is one of the several things farmers do not appreciate, for there are surpluses of grain in the northwest and midwest which are considered ample for all requirements.

While the prospect of a flood of Canadian grain flowing into the United States alarms the farmer, the cattleman is worried over the prospect of the domestic market being invaded by beef from the Argentine. Apple growers of Yakima and Hood River valleys have a threat of British Columbia competition if the president is authorized to suspend tariff schedules, and Medford orchardists can look for pears from South America entering the domestic market. Ditto the turkey growers of the northwest.

SOMEWHAT late in its discovery is the department of agriculture in announcing that 60 percent of all the cows milked in the United States are in herds of 10 cows or less, producing 55 per cent of the milk supply. The announcement comes after the

WAS GRANDMA RIGHT ABOUT THESE

COLD FACTS?

For colds' coughing, to reduce stuffy nasal congestion, chest muscle soreness pioneer Grandma put faith in home medicated mutton suet and hot flannel. Today mothers use Penetro—the excellent modern medication with the mutton suet base. Penetro never fails to function 2 ways. Aromatic vapors go inside with every breath—outside it comforts like a warming, soothing plaster. Rubbed on chest and throat, it works fast. Try Penetro and agree "Grandma was right." Satisfaction or your money back. 25c, double supply 50c.

general in immediate denture service."

For the benefit of readers who may not know what "immediate denture service" means, it is the practice of making the plate, bridge or other denture in advance, then installing it immediately after extraction, before the patient leaves the office.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Bed for Boy

Would box spring and mattress or link spring and hair-felt separate mattress be better for three-year-old son? — we contemplate buying him a full size bed and using his crib for coming new baby. (D. O.)

Answer—Reasonably firm, not too soft bed is better for most young persons.

How to Gain Weight

Is it necessary to take olive oil in large doses if one wishes to put on weight? How can it be taken without upsetting stomach? (Miss L. T.)

Answer—No. Cream, butter, and eggs are superior to olive oil for the purpose. But don't try to gain weight on an excess of any one item. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for pamphlet "How to Gain Weight."

Morning Nausea

Thanks a million for your suggestion of something sweet late at night and early in the morning to combat the nausea of pregnancy. I have suffered extremely with it in both pregnancies, but this time the second morning after I began following your suggestion I had no nausea and have had none since. (Mrs. L. H. D.)

Answer—Thank you, Ma'am. Expectant mothers will find instructions about this and other questions in booklet "Preparing for Maternity"—for copy send ten cents and stamped envelope bearing your address. If you want "The Baby Body Book" also, include ten cents additional. Optimal daily ration of vitamin B complex, which is advisable for every expectant mother, probably prevents morning sickness and many other unpleasant manifestations.

Dry Eyes

Which of any vitamin might have a beneficial effect on excessive dryness and irritation and redness of lids and feeling as though there were dust or sand in the eyes? (H. C.)

Answer—Riboflavin—formerly called vitamin G and vitamin B2—best taken in natural form, as vitamin B complex. Also vitamin A, natural A, not carotene, is sometimes specific for dry eyes with night-blindness or difficulty in seeing in dim light or extreme sensitivity to glare.

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great decrease in these small herds, sold to slaughter houses because the dairymen have been unable to keep workers and the dairymen and his wife cannot care for the small herd and attend to other chores of a milk ranch. For 1943 the department is asking dairymen to increase production over 1942 by two billion pounds, an almost impossible task when so many cows have been disposed of.

As a sidelight on the milk problem consider Tillamook county, Oregon, where 92 dairies have been put out of business by the navy which bought the valuable grazing land and converted the pasture into a \$7,000,000 base headquarters for blimps to patrol the northwest coast. This base was constructed by a Puget Sound firm.

JIMMY BYRNES is tired of his job which, when the executive order was issued appeared to make him over-all boss of the war effort; over Donald Nelson of War Production Board, Leon Henderson of Office of Price Administration, etc. Like others who have been made czars by executive order (Rubber Czar Jeffers told a house committee that czars were a dime a dozen), Byrnes discovered that he didn't have the authority the executive order specified. Ex-Senator and Ex-Associate Justice Byrnes has had repeated rows with Nelson and Henderson and told the latter to stop seeking publicity and get down to business.

Now Jimmy Byrnes would like to recapture his seat on the supreme bench which he resigned to take on the special task for the president (at a personal sacrifice of \$10,000 a year). Mr. Roosevelt has not filled the

vacancy notwithstanding there are scores of applicants. Justices Frankfurter, Reed and Jackson are said to be pulling for Charles Fahy, solicitor general; Justices Douglas, Black and Murphy lean toward Sherman Minton, who was given a lame duck appointment on the court of appeals after being defeated for re-election to the senate.

Flight 'o Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
December 17, 1932
(It Was Saturday)

Oregon defeats Louisiana 12 to 0. Bill Bowerman, Bernie Hughes, and Bill Morgan of this city played for the University.

Many democrats mentioned for Medford postmastership.

Farm aid to be big problem for President-elect Roosevelt.

Cloudy and unsettled. High 42, low 38 degrees.

Medford irrigation district to seek bond refunding plan.

Hills get coating of snow, and rain and mist fall in valley.

County taxpayers to meet Wednesday night to form organization.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 17, 1912
(It Was Sunday)

President of Poland is assassinated in Warsaw, after two days in office.

Gov. Ben Olcott to lunch with President Harding in the White House.

Turkey with 25,000 soldiers ready to march threaten Near East peace.

Heavy Christmas mail arrives at postoffice.

Wallace Reid famed movie actor near death.

Community Christmas is now assured.

Corvallis high is now entry for game with Scott high of Toledo.

Rain predicted. High 49, low 29.5 degrees.

NEW YORK PAPERS AGAIN AVAILABLE

New York, Dec. 17.—The Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' Union (Independent) called off its strike against the eight major New York newspapers at 1 a. m. today, on orders from the War Labor Board.

For the first time since Sunday, the newspapers, printing a total of 5,500,000 copies a day, were back on newsstands and in the hands of their readers. Since the strike began, their circulation had been limited to the few thousand copies sold at the newspapers' offices.

The dispute involved demands for a 15 per cent wage increase and job security.

MORE CARE REQUESTED IN DRAWING PAYROLLS

Salem, Ore., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Silas Gaiser, administrator of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, today appealed to employers and employees for closer cooperation in verifying social security numbers for payroll reports.

Approximately 50,000 of the 1,500,000 wage record items processed this year by the commission bear no social security numbers, and an additional 25,000 are obviously wrong, Gaiser declared.

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CAROL SINGERS WILL TOUR CAMP

Christmas evening promises to be in keeping with the Christmas spirit at Camp White when a group of choral singers from Medford senior high school tour Camp White singing Christmas carols. This feature is under the direction of Miss Miriam Burton, choir director in the public schools.

A Christmas party is planned for Service club No. 1 with informal entertainment and holiday refreshments. A full military band concert is planned for Wednesday evening and open house will be held Christmas day at the Service club.

OREGONIAN WINS BRITISH MEDAL

London, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Lieut. Wiley Howell of Prairie City, Ore., is the first United States naval officer ever decorated by a British king, it was announced today.

Howell went to Buckingham palace for the investiture. King George pinned on his uniform the Distinguished Flying Cross he won when piloting a Wellington bomber for the Royal Air Force's coastal command.

King George asked him about his career. He said he had volunteered and was the first American officer to fly in the coastal command. He transferred to the United States navy a few months ago.

18 SHIPS SUNK IS NAZI CLAIM

Berlin Dec. 17.—(German broadcast recorded by United Press in New York)—A special high command communique today asserted that German U-boats operating in the Atlantic and off Capetown, South Africa, had sunk 18 merchant ships totaling 98,000 tons and a destroyer in a convoy escort.

The communique said three other ships were torpedoed, and that the sunken vessels included several large tankers.

PHOTOS PROMOTE WAR
Washington, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—The Office of War Information, it was disclosed today, is doing a lot of photographing in promoting the war effort—from pictures showing women what to do with worn-out hose to displays of giant bombers.



Give Him The Greater Gift ++

● A drum, a little red wagon, a picture book... these are gifts that bring joy to a boy's heart. But you can give him a far greater gift. You can give him the right to live as a free American... the advantages of liberal schooling... the freedom to follow his religious beliefs... the privilege of choosing his life-work... yes, even the unquestioned right to gain a world of knowledge and pleasure through travel.

All this you can give him by doing whatever you can—no matter how little—to win this war so that he may live to appreciate fully the true meaning of Christmas... peace on earth and good-will toward men.

Today, in the Union Pacific family, thousands of fathers are working tirelessly to justify the steadfast faith of their children. Theirs is the task of assuring the safe transportation of trainloads of war materials and troops. It is a tremendous job but they are doing it gladly. They know, as do we all, that only through hard work and sacrifice can we give our little ones the greatest gift of all... peace and freedom.

For information concerning passenger and freight transportation, address H. E. Lounsbury, Traffic Mgr., 751 Pittcock Block, Portland.

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