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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Der Fuehrer, der Flu, und der Fog continue as the main targets of civic cussing in the Oregon named.

Roosevelt and Willkie campaign buttons, in wholesale lots have been shipped to Africa and Italy. Neither Tunisia or Sicily have any votes in the electoral college, but an American soldier, home from fighting fronts, wearing a campaign button conspicuously below his battle ribbons, would help the cause.

"Mario Chamlee, celebrated operatic tenor, was warmly welcomed. He sang 'Tell Me Why.' (Los Angeles Times.) It's none of his business.

A damsel showed up on the Main Stem yes, wearing a pink "fascinator." In pioneer days the womenfolk wore them instead of peasant bandannas now prevalent.

Russian justice did no legal fooling around or sobbing anent the Russian traitor, and the three Nazi Gestapos who plead guilty to mass murders of old men, women and children. They were condemned to die Saturday night and hanged Sunday morning. Other Axis war criminals, when caught, will want trials in American or British courts.

CAVEMAN STUFF!
("Genius and Character")
"Lassalle fell in love in a few minutes, carried the woman of his choice down exactly three flights of stairs, and then, as though his intellect had interfered to dampen his emotions, he let the whole matter drop."

The driver of a cleaning establishment's wagon in a sister state is charged with going 84 mph. No doubt the customer was waiting for his pants in a barrel.

"Will the lady who rode me to town from Forker Blvd. car-21500 as I left my umbrella in car." (Sharon Herald.)—Piggy-back!

There seems to be some hectic searching among politicians to find an opponent able to put up a worthy struggle against Sen. Holman in the May primary. The junior senator is the beneficiary of a union labor resolution denouncing his vote on the anti-strike bill, has wide appeal in the rail fence country. He never gets in a position where he can't say "Yes," or he can't say "No." Furthermore, he has never been caught straddling a political issue.

SECRET WEAPON!
"Oh, dream me up a gadget!" cried der Fuehrer in despair. "A super secret weapon for the land, the sea or air... A miracle is needed, so perform it right away... I am short of secret weapons, so kick through without delay... It's your Fuehrer that is speaking; you must save his funny face... You must hasten to the rescue of the super-duper race... It's a miracle I call for, and this is a trifling magic trick... Not next year, and not tomorrow, but this very evening!"... Then a shortwave hooter answered like a voice from out the skies... "A noise is just the ticket! Will you try it on for size?" (J. Burroughs in Oakland (Cal.) Tribune.)

SABOTAGE
Stockholm, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Reports from Copenhagen said today that a fire of presumably sabotage origin swept the main building of the Riffel Syndicate works, Denmark's largest armament firm. Riffel's is a large-scale producer of automatic machine guns for the German army.

Current Bombing of Nazis
Convincing Demonstration
Of Allied Aerial Supremacy

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE
United Press War Analyst

The heavy bombing raids carried out during the last two days and nights against Germany and occupied or satellite territory is the most convincing demonstration yet of Allied air might over Europe.

There have been heavier single attacks, but this latest assault is remarkable for its sustained quality and the wide area covered over a period of 36 hours. The use of the word "raid" is a misnomer. This is in every sense a military offensive, and from all accounts, a profitable destructive one.

A review of the targets indicates the scope of the operations. The field covered northern France; Bremen, the most important remaining German North sea port; Frankfurt and Mannheim-Ludwigshafen in southwestern Germany; Augsburg, farther south; Innsbruck, Austria, at the northern end of the Brenner pass; Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, and the Eleusis airfield near Athens. From Bremen to Athens is nearly 1,500 miles.

This wide range, hitherto impracticable, has been made possible by the establishment of long range bomber bases in the Mediterranean, notably Italy. The important fields around Foggia in Italy are now apparently in full operation. This makes possible a two-way squeeze covering nearly all targets of consequence in Germany as well as Austria, besides bringing any part of the Balkans within convenient range.

Changing winter weather conditions and the need for regrouping air squadrons after raids which are necessarily expensive in bombers and crews limit Allied ability to keep up such an offensive without interruption. There is nevertheless every prospect that they will be continued whenever conditions permit, and in increasing rather than diminishing force.

Losses are admittedly heavy, such as the loss of 42 big British bombers and 25 American in the two main sweeps over Germany. However, Allied military authorities insist that the cost can be borne and is not too high in relation to the damage caused to the enemy.

The attacks are by nature strategic and are intended to cripple the enemy's ability to resist when the invasion of western Europe and the Balkans comes. Their full effect cannot be gauged now but it is likely to become apparent after the land front is opened.

Wednesday Shortest Day of Year;
Alarm Clocks Taking Bad Beating

By Nick Bourne
(United Press Correspondent)

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Approach of the winter solstice, creeping without warning upon the nation's overburdened alarm clocks, today brought the following advice from the weather bureau, astronomers and clock-fixers:

"Wind your clock up tight to-night.
The longest of the year
Tomorrow is the shortest day
From dawn to dusk's so near.
You may not hear the bell at all
This warning is a must—
So wind your clock up tight to-night
And pray the spring won't bust."

FINES LEVIED IN
BOILERMAKER ROW

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—(UP)—Two former officers of the powerful Boilermakers' union, Local 72, faced fines and suspended jail terms today after a circuit court halted negotiations for amicable settlement of the union's stalled affairs.

Tom Ray, ex-business agent, was fined \$300 and given a five-month suspended sentence by Judge James W. Crawford. Hugh Fagan, deposed recording secretary, was fined \$100 and given a 90-day suspended sentence.

In a climax to yesterday's stormy court session Judge Crawford declared voluntary attempts to negotiate the tangled legal status of the union at an end because the international had insisted that election of officers for the union be held in March.

COMMUNICATIONS
Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen name is optional for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

A G. I.'s ANALYSIS
To the Editor.—I read the "Soldier's Eye View of Medford" in the Nov. 24 Tribune; of their many gripes and complaints, as it were. A G. I. will gripe about any part of the country, a state, a town and its people, providing it isn't his native habitat; i.e., in other words, there just isn't any place on earth quite like home. A soldier who has had to break home ties, leave his loved ones, leave the comfort and security of a normal and peaceful pursuit of happiness, just cannot be completely and fully satisfied away from that environment. Hence the gripes.

No place to go, nothing to do, not enough recreation facilities, no night clubs, and a thousand other trivial verses in the Soldiers' Lament. I say trivial because in these times that is just what they amount to. Most servicemen have always been used to having their entertainment dished out in larger quantities than Medford can produce. It isn't altogether the soldier's fault, nor is it Medford's, or any other community's fault; it is merely an unavoidable

Your Health and Its Care

BY DR. WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.
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SNEEZE CURTAIN IN THE NAVY

Observing that a considerable number of cases of respiratory infection occurred in corporals and other patients in sickbays at sea, due to droplet or spray infection, especially when cases of tonsillitis, bronchitis, streptococcus sore throat, or virus pneumonia are admitted to sickbay, where there is insufficient

Dr. Brady

client room to keep patients far enough apart for reasonably safe isolation, Clifford P. McCullough, commander, U. S. N. R. medical corps, reminds us (U. S. M. Med. Bul., Nov., '43) that infectious organisms liberated by coughing and sneezing.

(What! No talking or laughing in sickbay, Commander?)—"are easily carried to other patients in adjacent bunks"... the germs are not wafted hither and thither in units, pairs or bevy, you understand, but in gangs, divisions, colonies, armies carried in droplets of mucus or moisture given off from nose and mouth when the individual with one of the infections mentioned sneezes, coughs, laughs or talks, droplets so small that they are invisible to the naked eye, as well as larger droplets you can see and when they spatter on you, feel landing. They are a menace to those whose resistance is lowered because of present illness or injury. This condition not only creates a medical hazard but is a detriment to the effective use of manpower aboard ship.

We can't stop now to quarrel with the commander his use of the meaningless term "resistance" when he speaks of immunity.

Dr. McCullough describes the sneeze curtain used in the sickbay of his ship, a barrier of muslin hanging by rings and hooks on metal frame, about five feet high, around top and head half of two sides of the bunk. The frame permits easy access to the patient for care and treatment, does not give patient sense of being shut in, is easily removed when not in use, and stowed in small space. The device has proved beneficial in reducing such infections in sickbay.

This or some similar device should be used not only in the sickbay but in every hospital ward where other patients are not more than twelve feet from the patient with a respiratory infection.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Lead Arsenate
Kindly tell me how to remove poison spray residue from apples.

Answer—Wash apples or other fruit, or greens or leafy salad vegetables, with 1% solution of hydrochloric acid in water, then rinse well with clear water. This strength of hydrochloric acid solution may be prepared by mixing a pint of standard U. S. P. Dilute Hydrochloric Acid Solution (10%) with nine parts of water. Ordinary rinsing in water will not remove all traces of spray residue, because lead arsenate is not soluble in water, not sufficiently soluble, but it is readily soluble in very dilute acid solution.

Baby Likes Bottle
You said babies should be completely weaned from bottle by the age of 14 months. My baby is 13½ months old and still refuses to drink from cups or glass.

Answer—The baby will keep on refusing as long as you continue to let him see you are only fooling. Babies should be fed something from cup when they are six or seven months old. Then weaning from bottle will be easy—do a week let the baby have the bottle only once daily at sleeping time. Then dilute the bedtime bottle feeding half with water each night for three or four nights. Then offer the baby a regular feeding from cup at bedtime. Let him take it or leave it. Send stamped envelope bearing your address and inclose ten cents for "The Baby Book."

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News Behind
The News

By Paul Mallon
(Continued from Page One)

creased incomes, but most people have much less after taxes and high prices.

No one advertises the truth that this government increased its toll on the income taxpayer 152 per cent the first five months of this fiscal government year (July to December) over last year. Little do you hear of taxation rising 700 per cent in three major bills since Pearl Harbor, the brunt falling on old taxpayers, not the inconsiderable new war workers (9,000,000 new Victory taxpayers pay only \$162,000,000).

A STRUGGLING married wage-earner getting \$5000 today must pay 20 per cent or \$1000 to his federal government. In addition to state and county taxes and other federal levies on cigarettes, liquor, etc.

All you hear are expert arguments about inflation with generalized overall national figures about swollen incomes, nothing about this \$5000-man trying to buy bonds, pay withholding, terrific prices and raise a family on about half or less of what he earns.

No one, absolutely no one, takes the part of the individual taxpayer. The way the propaganda has been set up, it is considered unpopular, even remotely unpatriotic, to do so.

But generalized average taxation already is \$357 per person here compared with \$291 in Britain, \$261 in Canada, and our people already pay eight times more than in World War I.

THIS government, without this bill, will collect possibly \$45,000,000,000 this year, pay at least 47 per cent of the war cost, and its expenditures will run below expectations while its revenues will be higher than budgeted, making any tax increase less necessary. Yet the treasury ar-

FALSE TEETH OWNERS
CAN LOOK YOUNGER

—BY WEARING YOUR PLATES EVERY DAY
—HELD COMFORTABLY SNUG THIS WAY

Face-lines sag—wrinkles form—when plates remain unworn. Avoid this—hold plates firmly all day, every day with this "comfort-cushion," a dentist's formula.

Dr. Wernet's plate powder forms nothing "comfort-cushion" between plate and gums—lets you enjoy solid foods, avoid embarrassment of loose plates. Helps prevent sore gums. A World's largest selling plate powder.

Dr. Wernet's Powder
RECOMMENDED BY MORE DENTISTS THAN ANY OTHER

Livestock

Portland, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle, 125. Market steady. Common to medium steers, \$11.50 to \$12.00; good fed steers, Monday, \$12.00 to \$12.50; good fed heifers, \$12.50 to \$13.00; good beef cows, \$10.75; medium grades, \$8.50; canners and cutters, \$4.50 to \$5.00; common-medium bulls, \$7.00 to \$8.00; good-choice vealers, \$12.50 to \$14.50.

Hogs, 850. Holdovers, 800. Market steady. Sows slow, 200-230 lbs., \$14.25; 240-270 lbs., \$13.75 to \$14.00; weight below 200 lbs., \$13.75 down to \$12.25; good sows late Monday, \$9.00 to \$9.50; feeder pigs salable, \$10.00 to \$10.50.

Sheep, 150. Market weak. Good 110-lb. lambs, \$12.00; common down to \$9.00; good-choice truck-line salable around \$12.50, extreme top Monday \$13.00; good ewes, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

South San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle, 150. Generally steady. Load of feeder steers, \$12.75; largely shorthorn run; package grass heifers, \$12.00; load low-medium cows, \$10.00; common cows, \$8.50; canners and cutters, mostly \$4.50 to \$5.00; cutter to common sausage bulls, \$7.50 to \$9.50.

Calves, 25. Nominal. Good to choice vealers, \$12.50; cull calves, \$7.25 to \$8.50.

Hogs, 400. Steady. Two cars 215-lb. Idaho, \$14.55; few under 200 lbs., \$14.25; medium to good sows, \$10.50 to \$11.00.

Sheep, 50. Monday fully steady. Package choice 97-lb. lambs, \$15.00; top bulk, \$13.50 to \$14.50; cull to good ewes, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(UP)—(WFA)—Livestock: Hogs, 18,000. Slow, steady. Good and choice, 150-200 lbs., \$11.50 to \$12.75; 250-350-lb. sows, \$11.50 to \$12.15; holdovers of 12,000 likely.

Cattle, 7000; calves, 1000. Choice fed steers and yearlings strong to 15c higher; supplies strong. Bulk, \$12.25 to \$12.50; mostly top, \$12.50; bulk feeders, \$12.50 to \$13.00.

Sheep, 4000. Market not established, asking fully steady.

Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Wholesale market prices: Cranberries—Coast, \$2.25; Coos Bay, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

Tangerines—Texas, \$2.65 half box; Florida, \$2.40 half box; California—No. 1, \$2.35 to \$2.50; No. 2, \$2.15 to \$2.35.

Especially—California, \$4.00. Sweet Potatoes—California, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close
Dec. —\$1.72 1/2 \$1.71 1/2 \$1.71 1/2 \$1.71 1/2
May —1.77 1/2 1.77 1/2 1.76 1/2 1.76 1/2
July —1.55 1/2 1.55 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2
Sept. —1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.52 1/2 1.52 1/2

S. F. DAIRY PRICES
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Dairy market: Butter: 93 score 43c, 92 score 42 1/2c, 90 score 42 1/2c, 88 score 41 1/2c.

Cheese: Wholesale prices, loaf 27 1/2c, triplets 27c.

Eggs: Large grade A 51c, medium grade A 48c, small grade A 36 1/2c, large grade B 45c.

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Stocks moved irregularly in quiet trading today.

Leading shares registered declines in sufficient numbers to bring small losses in averages, while special stocks registered gains ranging to four points.

Sugar issues were strong and fairly active.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American Tel & Tel 155
Anaconda 24 1/2
Chrysler 80 1/4
Curtiss Wright 5 1/4
General Electric 27 1/4
General Motors 21 1/4
Montgomery Ward 43 3/4
Penn R R 25 3/4
Phillips Petroleum 48
J C Penney 87 3/4
Radio 23 1/2
Southern Pacific 36 3/4
Standard Oil of Cal 36 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur 34 1/2
Transamerica 8
United Aircraft 26
U S Rubber 42 1/2
U S Steel 50 3/4

Closing time for Classified ads 5 p. m. — Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

4000 Jam Church
At Final Service
For Fats Waller

New York, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Shoving, jostling crowds of more than 4,000 whites and negroes jammed the Abyssinian Baptist church in Harlem Monday and milled about in the street outside during funeral services for Thomas (Fats) Waller, radio singer and orchestra leader.

Relatives, friends, leaders of show business and others filed past a blue casket surrounded by a mountain of flowers for a last look at the popular jazz artist who died on a train near Kansas City last week.

Some of the singer's followers sat on window sills or stood on chairs in the crowded church during the services, which were conducted by Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, pastor of the church. Powell said Waller had "left the world a rosary of memories."

Gene Buck, former president of ASCAP, spoke briefly, then looked down into the casket and said: "So long, Fats, God bless your happy soul."

Guilt Admission
Made By Woman
In Petty Theft

Eileen Esther Neel, 22, charged with petty larceny, entered a plea of guilty in justice court yesterday. Passing of sentence was deferred by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman, pending further investigation. In a complaint filed by Maxine Dimick, she was charged with theft of a pair of slacks and a coat from a coat closet in a local cafe.

The Neel woman claims her husband is with the armed forces overseas and that she receives a monthly allowance from him. Following her arrest last Saturday she told authorities she came here from Pasco, Wash., to meet a Camp White soldier who paid her train fare. She met him, she said, on a train while traveling west. She said she has not seen him since landing here.

William R. Callender, Ashland, was fined \$7.50 and costs for an axle overload on a truck. Norman K. Cudde was fined \$1.50 and costs for lack of an operator's license.

WCTU Charges
Distillers' Plot
Liquor Renewal

Evanston, Ill., Dec. 21.—(UP)—The Women's Christian Temperance Union charged today that whiskey distillers themselves "inspired" a congressional investigation of the liquor industry in a "vast plot" to obtain government permission for renewed production of liquor.

"These so-called investigations are part of the distillers' campaign to 'prove' that liquor shortages are responsible for hijacking, bootlegging, price gouging and other evils inherent in the liquor traffic," the WCTU charged.

Oldest G. I. Hurt
By Passing Taxi

Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 21.—(UP)—The oldest enlisted man in the U. S. army, Sgt. John W. Westervelt, 75, was hospitalized today with a leg broken when a taxi struck him.

The driver was not held. Westervelt, who continually passes his physical examinations, is stationed with an air transport command ferrying group here.

STEWART ON RAID
London, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Capt. Jimmy Stewart, former actor, led one group of American Liberators in yesterday's raid on Bremen. "There was lots of stuff up there today," Stewart told an air force public relations officer. "The boys really had a good look at all types of enemy fighters."

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
December 21, 1933
(It was Thursday)

Frank DeSouza is named postmaster and it came as a surprise to many Democrats. Appointee was a Democrat when they were scarce in Jackson county and has been a steady worker for that political faith.

Occasional rains. High 83, low 39 degrees.

North Riverside station held up.

Germany's hand seen in spy roundup in France.

Central Point cheese factory to reopen soon.

Klamath Falls to seek injunction against liquor control law.

New storms come up-state on fifth day of steady downpour. Floods feared.

Joe Fliegel, 3, while on a shopping tour with his mother, gets lost and pedals home on his tricycle while his parents and police hunt for him.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 21, 1923
(It was Friday)

Peace runs in Mexican revolt when rebels defeated at Vera Cruz.

Tax delinquency in Jackson county shows decrease.

Leviathan, world's largest ship, runs aground on reef near New York harbor.

Fair. High, 47; low, 24 degrees.

Russia denies Soviet plot to overthrow government.

Six-acre ranch on Wagner creek sells for \$5000.

Turkey shoot at Table Rock Sunday.

Wimer Grange to hold Christmas tree next Sunday.

Daily
Meteorological Report

Forecast
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, with fog in morning. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest, 40; lowest, 34.
Total monthly precipitation, .56 inch. Deficiency for the month, .13 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 5.64 inches. Deficiency for the season, .55 inch.

Relative humidity at 8 p. m. yesterday, 83%; 8 a. m. today, 98%.

Tomorrow
Sunrise 8:36 a. m., sunset 5:43 p. m.
Observations taken at 8 a. m., 120 meridian time:

Direction	Wind	Temp.	Humidity	Clouds
Boise	35	32	T	Rain
Boston	40	24	—	Cloudy
Butte	39	28	—	P. cldy.
Denver	56	30	—	Clear
Bureau	57	45	—	Foggy
Helena	37	10	—	P. cldy.
Los Angeles	57	46	—	Rain
Medford	45	40	.03	Rain
New York	59	30	—	Cloudy
Omaha	40	25	—	Clear
Phoenix	70	48	—	P. cldy.
Portland	47	30	—	Clear
Reno	38	32	.32	Foggy
Roseburg	43	32	—	T
Salt Lake	45	33	—	Foggy
San Francisco	57	25	—	Foggy
Seattle	47	25	—	Foggy
Spokane	31	17	—	Foggy
Washington, D. C.	42	23	—	Cloudy
Yakima	37	15	—	Clear

The Hispano-Sulza airplane engine, one of the principal purveyor plane power plants of World War I, generated only 180 horsepower.

CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

And HAPPY NEW YEAR

Please accept our cordial greetings for a joyous Christmas and for abundant prosperity during the New Year. Especially do we greet the members of the Armed Forces and offer this hope that Peace and Victory will soon be ours... We sincerely appreciate your good will and generous patronage