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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Miss Joan Ellis of London, Eng., a press association teletype operator, who inadvertently transmitted the erroneous word that invasion was underway, committed a classical and historical error, that entitles her to a niche in the Hall of Fame along side "Wrong Way" Corrigan, and a fat vaudeville contract. Outside of herself being red-eyed from crying and Associated Press executives on both sides of the Atlantic exhausting their throats and cussing vocabularies, no damage was wrought. Also the dignity and accuracy of the news service was ruthlessly kicked in the short ribs. Both the lady and the corporation will survive. Compared to Herr Hitler's attack on Russia, the error of Miss Ellis is barely worth mentioning.

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The land is still sore beset by a wave of strikes and labor disputes. The public, growing slightly weary of the epidemic, hopes it is adjusted ere the boys come home from the battlefronts. They don't want any band to refuse to march in the victory parade, because the bass horn player was not allowed enough time to regain his wind.

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FAIR ENOUGH!
(Del Norte Triplicate)

"Disabled serviceman who had his salmon reel stolen at Smith River wishes to buy another; will even buy back the stolen reel. Inquire at Triplicate. J28"

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Hale Wheeler is the bouncing Papa of a proud baby boy, who arrived at his house Sat.

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The threatened coffee shortage due to one of the largest crops in Brazil history, will not percolate, it is announced.

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Rome has fallen to the Allied armies, and is the first European capital to be wrested from the Axis. There remains Berlin and Tokio to meet a similar fate. The Romans were "hysterical with joy" over the arrival of their conquerors, once the targets of their hate. In pre-war days they were so busy hating England and America, the Nazis moved in unopposed, and took possession. The "noble Romans" of song and story were as pliable as putty in the hands of Nazi chiefs, and gloried in it from the King down.

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BRIGHT IDEA ITEM
(Bend Bulletin)

"Now it appears that the food administration has stored so many eggs that there is no longer room for any more. Room must be made, however, and so the eggs in storage are to be taken out and guess what—made into stock feed. What process is used is not reported but the protein content wiuld be increased if the nut administrators could be mixed up with the eggs."

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"A limb shattered by a cruel bullet on Wednesday, Apr. 18 he was finally compelled to yield to the commence to go thence and cease a life full of activities and usefulness." — (50 Yr. ago col. Pendleton East Oregonian.) —Kicking the bucket with a journalistic flourish.

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YE SCARED HERO

"There doesn't seem to be any good reason for the failure of American women to keep the vitally important Women's Army Corps filled to its full requirements, and if I as a mere man had the courage of my convictions I would say that American womenhood ought to be ashamed of itself. While sheer cowardice compels me to avoid the domestic and social difficulties that might ensue upon the publication of such an opinion, let a few facts speak for themselves more eloquently and valiantly than I can."—(Oakland (Cal.) Tribune).

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m.

The Fall of Rome

The capture of Rome—the first large European city to fall to the allies,—is a great victory even though chiefly in the realm of sentiment and morale.

For sentiment and morale are of great importance at this critical phase of the war.

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THE inability of the Germans to hold Rome, in spite of the advantages of terrain and the defensive is in other words notice to the world that Germany CAN'T win.

It is also notice to the world the allies CAN,—and will win,—whenever they are willing to pay the price.

And the price is by no means exorbitant considering the practically unlimited resources at the command of the United Nations, and what allied victory will mean.

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IN the air, at sea and on the ground the allied armies in Italy outpowered the Germans, overwhelmed them at every step of the advance when an overwhelming job HAD to be done.

What they did in Italy they can do anywhere else in Europe.

It is going to take time. Perhaps even longer than General Eisenhower predicted last New Year's Day.

But—at least as this typewriter strategist sees it,—it is bound to be done and the campaign in Italy proves it.

So in the direction of morale the capture of Rome is of tremendous value and importance.

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IN the direction of sentiment, particularly in Italy, nationally and spiritually, the defeat of the Germans at Rome is a knockout blow.

Not only does this mean an entirely new government for Italy but a government that is going to represent the Italian people, as no government has in modern Italian history.

This too may take some time. But as we view it, it is inevitable,—Fascism and Imperialism went out of Rome, as the allies marched in!

So from the standpoint of morale and sentiment,—including religion of course,—the capture of Rome is the most important allied victory since the Anglo-American triumph in North Africa.

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BUT unlike the victory in North Africa, the military results are of no outstanding importance.

The German army is still intact in Italy. Probably all in all it is as capable of stiff resistance now as it was six months ago. There have been heavy losses in equipment and men no doubt, but nothing approaching a rout, and along the Po the Germans probably can make a final stand, with an important section of industrial Italy, still under German control.

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IN fact the entire Italian campaign, has contributed very little to the final defeat of Germany in EUROPE. Germany can probably defend her homeland now as well or better than she could when she had all Italy under her control.

But it has driven the Germans out of Africa, made Egypt, the Suez, and the Mediterranean safe for the allies, and supplied an invaluable base,—air, sea and land,—for the final allied drive on Berlin.

Rome is Spared

Why was Rome spared the tragic fate of Naples?

For only one reason, as we see it. Because for ONCE someone in the German High Command had some sense.

Undoubtedly the fall of Rome could have been delayed for weeks,—perhaps months,—if the Germans had decided to fight to the death for it. A house-to-house resistance particularly by using the historical and religious centers and symbols as lethal sanctuaries for guns and troops, would have indeed been a hard nut to crack, from the allied standpoint.

But the Germans presumably decided, all things considered, such resistance would cost more than it could possibly be worth.

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IN this they were right.

The civilized world, Catholic and non-Catholic, would never have forgotten or forgiven such a desecration.

What little respect and consideration the German people have left would have been wiped out in many parts of the world for generations,—perhaps ages.

And eventually the capital of Italy and the spiritual center of the Catholic world would have fallen to superior allied power and might anyway.

Finally it is barely possible the past year of constant retreats and defeats, contributed something to this more enlightened and chastened Nazi attitude. For,—

"The devil was sick,—the devil a MONK would be!"

Hearing vs. Heeding

The neatest trick of the week is called for in an order by Adolf Hitler to all German military leaders. The order informed the commanders that any allied surprise in the opening stages of the forthcoming invasion "must be prevented at all costs." The only way in which the nazis can completely eliminate the element of surprise is to discover the exact nature of the allied plans.

If that is the meaning of the Hitler order, it calls for quite a lot of doing. It means solving the most carefully guarded secret of the war. It's an order the German military leaders unquestionably would like to obey. But willingness to obey and actual obedience are two different things. What Hitler needs is a Super Dunninger.—R.S.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 5—Conjectures as to why staunchest anti-Rooseveltian Senator Wheeler spent 45 unrevealed minutes with the president, died without convincing explanation because both parties refused to talk, even privately. The common interpretation that Mr. Roosevelt was burying the bones of old antagonism to get a campaign understanding with Wheeler was a natural deduction, but obviously the least of any story. Mr. Roosevelt called Wheeler down to get him to take the leadership of the international communications settlement, the disposition of cable and radio rights. But this hardly reflected presidential altruism.

Paul Mallon

Wheeler is chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee through which any settlement legislation must go, and therefore is in a position to block anything the administration might do.

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WHAT Wheeler must have replied seems evident in ensuing results. A resolution is pending before his committee for an investigation of the subject to determine a policy, but no consideration has been given it yet. Whatever leadership Wheeler is to assume apparently is to be modest and unhurried.

This is not necessarily a personal matter. The administration's federal communications chairman, Fly, if not the president, wants a worldwide postwar monopoly for communications. All would be under one company, privately owned, but under government control. The domestic wire conditions are in that state since the Postal-Western Union merger.

Wheeler's liberalism (he ran with the elder LaFollette for the presidency, you know) might well make hi mhesitate, although he handled the W. U.-Postal merger on the ground that such competition was financially deteriorating and likely to be fatal.

However, in a democratic state, competition is the indispensable necessity for protection of the consumer. Monopolies such as that of the Aluminum Company of America caused the povernment to go into the aluminum business during this war. The anti-trust act has been recognized as a good law for nearly three decades.

To protect the consumer in this instance, Fly proposes government control, an increasingly familiar device. But the consumer has not always been able to get satisfactory protection from government control, nothing like the protection offered by hard competition.

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BETTER service always was available to the public on competing western railroads than on non-competing eastern roads carrying more traffic, and all were under complete government control through the interstate commerce commission. The Postal for years had a slogan somewhat like this:

"Remember what telegraph service was before Postal came into the field" against Western Union. It was a good advertising slogan, because everyone knew the service had been rotten.

Whether the people can get as much out of a government-controlled monopoly (with all its inner possibilities) than out of honest competition for public favor and public business, is something about which the public can have little doubt in view of its experience (the public not being immediately concerned with the issue of whether competing services can make money or how much). This used to be true liberalism.

But now the unauthenticated pretenders to liberal leadership increasingly favor monopoly under government auspices which seems to be far less in the public interest—if not more in their own.

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YOU can get both sides of the president's health story here. Most of the aired versions have been flavored with rankly noticeable political intentions, the Democrats claiming that any question of Mr. Roosevelt's personal ability or desire to go on, is just an innuendo concocted by those naughty, naughty Republicans.

The published material, however, has come mostly from the White House, stoutly defending Mr. Roosevelt's physical eagerness to do battle with anyone.

One Democratic senator, who spent some time with the president last week, expressed surprise at his loss of weight, alteration of appearance, and thought him tired.

Congressional guesses of the president's loss run up to 20 pounds. Other Democratic congressmen, who have sat close to him, received an opposite impression of his strength.

The guesses of these men range all the way from a suspicion that he is foxily resting for the campaign, to the downright conviction that he will decide for reasons of health to make other arrangements.

The most recent flurry of gossip—it is hardly even that, but only idle talk—is he may run his chief economic helper, Jimmy Byrnes.

My personal belief is, he will run under any or all presently conceivable circumstances.

MILLION FRENCH READY TO HELP ALLIES ON D-DAY

Clandestine Front Biting at German Back for Four Years; Many Nazis Slain.

(French underground forces, well organized and numbering more than 1,000,000 persons, stand ready to aid the Allies on D-Day, Ralph Heinzen, former United States press director for France, writes in the following dispatch. Heinzen, interned by the Germans, has returned to the United States in one of the diplomatic exchanges.)

By Ralph Heinzen

United French underground is a hard reality, a clandestine force which has been biting at the German back for four years. Its present mobilized strength is 320,000 well-armed militants and a million or more "reservists" at the disposal of the Allied High Command for D-Day.

As long ago as August 1941, I saw the underground in its first offensive—the slaying of German soldiers and officers on the blacked out streets of occupied Paris.

Escapes Aided

Until my arrest in Vichy the day the American forces landed in French North Africa, November 7, 1942, I saw the underground engineering the "grapevine" escapes of British and American war prisoners, chiefly aviators.

The underground began as a guerilla force whose chief role was to take a steady toll of German lives in revenge. Its first killing was the midnight stabbing of a German soldier in the darkened exit of the Porte Dauphine subway station. Today it is virtually a corps of sabotage engineers.

On D-day we can expect the underground to aid materially in disrupting German troop movements and defenses. Its role will be to cut communications, dynamite bridges and viaducts, open dams, destroy power lines and railroads; to ambush the enemy, report his concentrations and movements, spy on his secret preparations. Its execution squads will corner and kill a long list of blacklisted traitors to France.

Army Men In It

The underground in France is today composed of many officers and men of the disbanded Franch army, patriots from all walks of life, all creeds, all political beliefs, whose only crime was to hate Germany. For this their names were written on the Gestapo blacklists. There are also thousands of boys in the green uniforms of youth labor camps who have chosen to join the underground rather than go to Germany as conscripts under the Laval-Sauckel accord. In that pact, Laval agreed to deliver 260,000 French conscripts out of the 400,000 who come of age every year.

There have been five main centers of underground resistance—Paris, Lyons, Toulouse, Grenoble and Valenciennes. In one county along the French Savoy borders of Italy, high in the Alps, the underground has held inviolate a sector which the Vichy police never have been able to penetrate even with the aid of German armies.

Fed By Friends

This underground is fed by friendly French or feeds itself by raiding isolated farms and villages. Planes flying over from London deliver arms and explosives, printing material and other supplies. Coded messages, broadcast nightly, keep the underground informed of these flights.

At year end, Laval published, in Vichy, a summary of underground activities, paying unexpected tribute to its effectiveness in the following acts of "terrorism:"

9,000 bombings from October 1 to December 14, 1943.

900 assassinations, including 2 generals, 4 priests, 4 prosecuting attorneys, 150 other civilians, the remainder militaries.

640 sabotage attacks on French railroads; more than 100 actual wrecks. The Paris-Lyons-Mediterranean express, most famous of French trains still running, was wrecked four times by the removal of rails.

4,400 arson attacks on French harvests.

That activity has not been without its toll of patriot blood. Laval announced that in the same period 21,900 "terrorists" had been arrested; his figures however included 19,000 common law violators who, patently, never had any connection with the real underground.

Returning through Biarritz, on our repatriation from a German concentration camp two months ago, I read in a Bordeau newspaper of seven courts-martial which sat the previous day. Two were German, five were French; they tried 167 "terrorists" and sentenced 142 to death. In every case the sentence was executed within two hours. There is no right of appeal. That was a single day's toll, and yet the courts-marital sit every day.

Transport Splits on Reef

(Acme Telephoto)

The service transport Henry Bergh, which grounded on Farallones reef 20 miles west of San Francisco's Golden Gate, is split in two by heavy waves after more than 1000 Navy veterans of South Pacific battles had been rescued by naval surface vessels. U. S. Navy photo.

Faith's Alphabet

By D. E. M.

America the
Beautiful,
Contemplate thy
Destiny; Man's
Eternal
Faith in
God and
Humanity, will
Inspire
Justice,
Kinship,
Love,
Mercy,
National
Obedience,
Power,
Quietude,
Reverence,
Safety,
Trust,
Understanding
Victory,
Wealth, and
-Xotic
Youthful
Zeal.

For five years prior to 1924, the University of California football team did not lose a single game—an unbeaten collegiate record.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts

Medford and vicinity: Fair and warm tonight and Tuesday.

Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Fog along coast. Warmer east portion.

Local Data

Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 76; lowest, 47.

Total monthly precipitation, .49 inch. Excess for the month, .31 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 14.68 inches. Deficiency for the season, 1.04 inches.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 40%; 4:30 today, 87%.

Tomorrow

Sunrise 5:36 a. m., sunset 8:43 p. m.

Past 24 hours:	High	Low	Prec.
Boise	...	47	—
Boston	59	48	—
Chicago	62	73	—
Denver	65	45	—
Eureka	57	51	—
Havre	45	43	.53
Los Angeles	83	58	—
Medford	82	44	—
New York	66	51	—
Omaha	84	53	.60
Phoenix	93	...	—
Portland	70	48	—
Reno	79	42	—
Roseburg	73	45	—
Salt Lake	64	46	—
San Francisco	72	49	—
Seattle	70	46	—
Spokane	72	58	—
Washington, D. C.	75	58	—
Yakima	...	42	—

Public Warning!

BEWARE OF PIN-WORMS

Wartime living conditions may be the cause of spreading Pin-Worm infection. Scientific reports in many communities have shown at least one-third of the examined children and grown-ups to be victims of Pin-Worms—often without knowing what was wrong!

Watch out for the warning signs that may mean Pin-Worms in your child or yourself: the tormenting, embarrassing rectal itch, the uneasy stomach, bed-wetting, nervous fidgeting, finicky appetite.

New Discovery Hailed By Doctors

After centuries of distress caused by Pin-Worms, a new and highly effective way to deal with this stubborn pest has recently been discovered. This scientific discovery, hailed by medical authorities, is a remarkable drug (gentian violet). It is the vital element in P-W, the new Pin-Worm treatment developed by the laboratories of Dr. D. Jayne & Son, America's leading specialists in worm medicines. P-W tablets are small and easy to take, and they act in a special way to destroy the creatures.

So don't take chances with Pin-Worms. At the first warning sign, ask your druggist for P-W, and follow the directions.

P-W means Pin-Worm relief!

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(It was Tuesday)
June 5, 1934

Ten are injured when auto hits concrete wall of Ashland underpass.

Farm and industrial parade of Diamond Jubilee lasts for hour and attracts wide praise and attention.

Fair with clouds at times. High 68, low 51 degrees.

Roosevelt plans social insurance for every American citizen.

Weakest sister of Dionne quintuplets gains weight.

Local guardsmen entrain Monday for annual encampment at Clatsop.

Ralph Bardwell while playing golf in the Jubilee tournament hits a cow and makes a birdie.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
June 5, 1924
(It was Thursday)

Annual convention of prohibition party at Columbus, O., criticizes two ex-presidents and President Coolidge for stand on liquor.

Fair. High 91, low 44 degrees.

New rules for lawn irrigation go into effect tomorrow to conserve water supply of city.

Extra precautions taken to prevent forest fires in Crater Lake park. Rain hoped for to halt blazes in Tillamook and Polk counties.

Fishing and road to Diamond lake now in good condition.

Celebration on Hayden's Prairie to observe completion of the Ashland-Klamath Falls road well attended.

NICE INTRODUCTION

St. Joseph, Mo.—(U.P.) "You're charged with being drunk, to the annoyance of the public," City Attorney William H. Utz, Jr., informed the man approaching Police Judge Fred Wanger's bench in police court here recently. With some confusion, the man hurriedly explained that he was not the defendant, but was the new police officer on the force who had made the arrest, and had come to court to testify in the case. The real defendant did not appear and was fined by default.

FINISHES SENTENCE

Folsom, Calif., June 5—(U.P.)—Walter Dayly, 61 year old Folsom Prison life-termer, had finished his sentence today. He killed himself by slashing his throat with a razor blade, guards reported.

STURGEON CAUGHT

Vermillion, O.—(U.P.)—Brother, this isn't any ordinary fish story. Lake Erie fishermen here recently caught a 153-pound, six-foot, two-inch sturgeon—the biggest hooked in the lake waters in 25 years.

Notice of Timber Sale. Sealed bids, marked outside "Bid for Timber", and addressed to the Chief Forester, O. and C. Administration, 901 Guardian Building, Portland, Oregon, will be received until 2:30 p. m., Pacific War Time, June 6, 1944, for the purchase of timber upon tracts hereinafter described; each bid must state the amount per M. feet B.M., which will be offered for each species and the total consideration which will be paid for the timber. No bid for less than the appraised value will be considered. Each bid must be submitted in duplicate and be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a certified check in favor of the Treasurer of the United States. The deposit of any successful bidder will be credited on the contract. Payment in full at the time of filing the contract is required in sales amounting to $2500 or less. For copies of the form of proposal, form of contract and bond, terms of payment, amount of deposit required with bid, amount of bond required with contract and other information, application should be made to the address shown above. **In Jackson County:** T. 33 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 21, all merchantable timber designated for cutting on the NE¼NE¼, S½NE¼, S½NW¼, N½SW¼, NW¼SE¼, and SE¼SE¼, estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 4595 M. feet Douglas Fir, 430 M. feet stamped Sugar Pine, 520 M. feet stamped Ponderosa Pine, 170 M. feet Incense Cedar. No bid for less than $3.25 per M. ft. B.M. for the Douglas Fir, $8.50 per M. ft. B.M. for the stamped Sugar Pine, $6.25 per M. ft. B.M. for the stamped Ponderosa Pine, $1.50 per M. ft. B.M. for the Incense Cedar, or a total purchase price of $22,093.75, will be considered. All Douglas Fir trees less than 26 ins. DBHOB, all Incense Cedar trees less than 22 ins. DBHOB, and all unmarked Pine are reserved from cutting. Area is to be logged with Caterpillar type tractor, excepting the SE¼SE¼ T. 33 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 27, all merchantable timber designated for cutting on the N½NW¼, estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 1390 M. feet Douglas Fir, 65 M. feet stamped Sugar Pine, 5 M. feet stamped Ponderosa Pine. No bid for less than $3.00 per M. ft B.M. for the Douglas Fir, $5.00 per M. ft. B.M. for the stamped Sugar Pine, $3.25 per M. ft. B.M. for the stamped Ponderosa Pine, or a total purchase price of $4,511.25, will be considered. All Douglas Fir less than 22 ins. DBHOB, and all unmarked Pine are reserved from cutting. T. 38 S., R. 4 E., Sec. 7, all merchantable timber designated for cutting on the NE¼SW¼, estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 700 M. feet of White Fir. No bid for less than $1.50 per M. ft. B.M., or a total purchase price of $1,050.00 will be considered. All White Fir less than 26 ins. DBHOB and all other species are reserved from cutting. Area to be logged with Caterpillar type tractor. All timber in each of the above described areas must be manufactured in the local marketing area designated by the O. and C. Administration, unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Forester. If the unit prices bid are above those authorized by MPR 460, they will be reduced to the maximum permitted under that order. In case of two or more identical bids for the same timber, the successful bidder will be selected on the basis of comparative importance to the war program and ability to further the objectives of the Act of August 28, 1937. The right to waive technical defects, and to reject any and all bids is reserved. Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 20th day of May, 1944. W. H. Horning, Chief Forester, O. and C. Administration.

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