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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Re-shuffling of the statesmen of Finland is underway, and Risto Rytty, who sounds like a new breakfast food, has been ousted as president, in the middle of the stream. Arthur Sesqui-inquit, gauleiter of Holland is not as effervescent as he was. Dutch patriots wait a chance to squirt hot lead at him.

Rumors have been so scarce hereabouts for six weeks, the public would welcome the arrival of one, even if they knew it was untrue, just to see if they have lost the knack of believing anything en masse, as of yore.

Monahan, Texas, has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the fair sex from wearing slacks, and shorts, on the streets. Exposure of goodly sections of the feminine midriff is also verboten. No other municipality of the land, as yet has followed suit.

TIRED ADDING MACHINE

(Oakland, Calif., Tribune)

"Since Mr. Roosevelt entered the White House (counting all sums requested by him) we will have obligated the country in an amount equal to all the wealth accumulated on this continent since Columbus found it—in 12 years we will have incurred debt equal to the savings of 452 years."

Cheering is the news, with the armed forces of the United Nations gaining on all fronts, and Gov. Dewey in the middle west.

A Harvard professor has invented a mathematical calculator 51 feet long, that in 19 hours can do problems it would take four experts three weeks to solve. It should be a handy thing to have around, come income tax blank filling-out time.

The Philadelphia transportation strike is ended, due to an army general, who did not care how the votes hopped in November, pointing an emphatic and vicious forefinger at a CIO labor leader. The gent consulted with his lawyer, but even one from Philadelphia couldn't save him.

"With mutton on the ration point list the OPA in the northwest seems to be out on a lamb."—(Bend Bulletin). That's lambasting bureaucratic b-a-lloony.

H. Flewler, the late demon baker, is in Cairo and sends a copy of the "Egyptian Gazette" to prove it.

Billy Walker, the dapper salesman, is wallowing in delight today, due to his own birthday, and the return on furlough of his dapper boy, Bob, from the South Pacific.

The Hale Wheeler boy Gail, is now 2.5 months old, and feels as young as he ever did. He is now strong enough to try and yankoff his Papa's nose.

Bulgaria now wants peace, with terms that will leave her territorial rights and boundaries the same as when she declared war upon the United Nations. This is okay, with the provision she drink her own chief product—Bulgarian buttermilk.

UGH! HEAP TOO BAD!

"A tall Indian from the reservation was in town Saturday and met with a misfortune which rent his heart in twain. It was just beyond the Savings Bank building corner. He was marching toward the south with one arm affectionately holding something concealed beneath his bright red blanket. That something slipped from his grasp and fell to the pavement. The bottle broke into dozens of fragments, and the spirits within were spilled to his most intense disgust. Only one remark escaped him: "Oh rats!"—(Pendleton East Oregonian, 50 yrs. ago col.)

A Word to the Unwise

To the sporting fraternity especially political betting ring, here is a word of advice,—DON'T!

Don't put up any money on the outcome of this presidential election—not yet,—not if you want to be smart.

For how can you know anything about how the people are going to vote when the people themselves don't.

WE venture to say never before has a presidential campaign opened with the final result so shrouded in doubt.

Of course the 100% Republicans know how they are going to vote. And the 100% Democrats also know. They would vote their tickets straight regardless of the real issues or the candidates.

But these hide-bound, rock-ribbed partisans are not going to decide this election, any more than they have decided a vast majority of the preceding ones.

In fact this year they will have practically nothing to say about the outcome. For these partisan ballots will pretty well wash each other out and more emphatically than ever before, the honest to goodness NONpartisans,—the truly INDEPENDENT voters,—will determine the result.

AND they have not made up their minds as yet. At least 99% of them haven't. They are waiting to see how things develop.

And we doubt very much if many of them do make up their minds, until a short time before election day,—say around October 25th.

So keep that rubber band around your cash roll brethren, if you want a run for your money. Don't jump off the deep end now, unless you want to buy a pig in a poke, or enjoy the sensation of having your leg pulled off.

BE smart.

Wait until you see the whites of their eyes. A great many things can happen between now and election day, and any one of them might change the political prospects over night.

Don't jump the gun. Don't make up your mind before the voters make up theirs. Even then you may guess wrong of course, but at least you will have something upon which to exercise your sporting instincts and your good judgment, assuming of course you possess the second as well as the first.

They Don't Know—Yet

Yes this promises to be a very unusual campaign. The present writer has just completed an extended eastern trip, and during the same attended two major party conventions.

During those conventions there was, of course, a great deal of political talk,—silly talk most of it,—but essentially political and partisan in nature.

Since those conventions and outside of them, the p.w. has heard no political talk at all.

The people of the country as a whole simply are not interested in politics,—not yet. And according to reliable reports from the front the boys doing the fighting are even less interested.

The war, of course, is responsible for both.

BUT there is another unusual feature about the campaign to date. There is no enthusiasm for either candidate,—or ticket.

Again eliminating the extreme partisans, here is the political situation as it exists,—or at least as the present writer has found it.

No one really WANTS four more years of the New Deal and Roosevelt. The rank and file are tired,—very tired,—of BOTH.

On the other hand there is a wide-spread skepticism regarding Governor Dewey. It takes the form not of condemnation but doubt,—is he big enough, has he had sufficient experience, etc., etc.? What is the man really like?

Between this Seylla and Charybdis the independent voters of this country,—greater in number than ever before,—are today cautiously picking their way, earnestly trying to make up their minds, not so much as to what they want,—they don't WANT either—as to what they believe to be best for their country and the people in it.

AS a result, perhaps never before in our political history,—or at least in the memory of those now living,—has there been a campaign which will have such a tremendous effect on the final outcome, as the impending one.

The Republican candidate will be particularly in a spot. Will he be equal to it,—will the man grow in stature and promise as the campaign progresses, or will the process be reversed?

Upon the answer to that question more than any other one thing will depend the outcome on election day, November 7th.

Junior Red Cross Committee Meet Set For Monday

The Junior Red Cross will hold its quarterly summer meeting at the Junior Red Cross headquarters, 222 Sixth street in the Holly Theatre Bldg. Monday at 4 p. m. The committee will inspect the production of the summer Jeep Shop, which will be on display in the headquarters shop all this week.

The general public is invited, especially to see the hundreds of Christmas cards made from donated used cards, before they are packed for shipment August 15. Women volunteers are needed for this work. These cards

must be shipped overseas from San Francisco by Sept. 1.

Miss Vera Humphrey, chairman of the committee, has arranged for Mrs. James Medley, supervisor of Junior High Jeep shop and Milo Ross, organizer of Hobby House, to report on summer activities. Plans for school activities, the new production quota and enrollment campaign will be made at this meeting.

WAKI, PERIOD!

New York, Aug. 9 —(U.P.)—Japan's latest prize-winning slogan is "Iki, waki, konki, sook-ekki." It means "spirit, harmony, stamina, total action," and was picked from more than 176,000 submitted in a contest, according to a Domei News Agency broadcast heard by FCC monitors.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 9.—The administration seems preparing, with resumption of the congressional session, to promote legislation for what could be another WPA.



Paul Mallon

The CIO - Kilgore bill, killed by leftwing new dealers, proposes unemployment compensation for war workers up to \$35 a week, in effect

establishing this amount as a minimum wage, since no one would care to work for less.

A hue and cry is being spread that there may be 19,000,000 unemployed, and under the pressure of that fabulous supposition the movement is being generated for the utmost funds, to be handled by the federal government—in time for election usage, if the peace comes as soon as Mr. Churchill has predicted. Mr. Roosevelt's running mate, Senator Truman, engineered the bill out of the military affairs committee, no doubt under orders.

THIS may be at least one fresh factor behind Governor Dewey's recent concentration of attack upon the centralization of authority in the federal government. Certainly no amount of money could be raised to match the \$30,000,000,000 campaign influence of such an industrial unemployment compensation measure, plus the soldiers' benefits up to \$25 already passed. Also, its provision opens possibilities for such things as a new NRA, ordering businesses to work, refusing to give materials to businesses which do not cooperate, etc.

The form of the legislation is what will count. If it is to be taken out of politics, congress will have to adopt some modification of the federalized controls as well as modify the rates.

DEMOCRATIC senator George A. Wallace has a bill which would set up a state method of payment in accordance with the existing social security scheme, now covering 30,000,000 people. The federal government would guarantee the solvency of state funds although state directors contend they have a sufficient sum of four to five billions to meet the shock of postwar unemployment now credited to them.

A third course has been offered by Economic Stabilizer James F. Byrnes, somewhat like the Kilgore bill, unifying standards under federal management and reimbursing the states. While this was presumed to be the official administration idea, it appears now that Truman, not Byrnes, is acting for the White House, even though the bill violates several recommendations of the president's special advisor on this subject, Mr. Baruch.

THE reason the CIO course will probably lose in the end is that all states, Democratic and Republican, are resentful of the inroads that have been made on their sovereignty and fearful of what this would do to business. Most Republicans probably will join behind the George measure along with the southern states-rights Democrats.

As Republican Senator Vandenberg has said, the Kilgore rates would not only give the industrial workers, who have been making the highest war salaries, a greater benefit than the soldiers, but would be more than a normal wage for many ordinary non-war workers. In the south, he thinks, no one would work for a time.

As far as northern industrial states are concerned, some now pay over \$20 a week in benefits, consequently there will be a tendency to delay action on the measure in the belief that the states can care for the situation.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

The Only Hope Is God

To the editor:

Here are two statements to which I would like to call the attention of your readers, made by men of note, on a subject which concerns us all,—that of war in its new aspect of extermination of the race.

The first is by Raymond B. Fosdick, of the Rockefeller Foundation, appearing in the New York Times Magazine of July 2 last:

"With the dawn of the twentieth century, war began at last to enter its kingdom as the potential destroyer of the human race. We know today as we did not know even

Argentine Quintuplets Celebrate First Birthday



The Diligent quintuplets of Argentina stand up to greet photographer as they pose for this picture to celebrate their first birthday. Left to right: Carlos Alberto, Franco, Maria Ester, Maria Fernanda and Maria Christina. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Franco Diligent and were not listed as quintuplets at birth to avoid publicity.

twenty years ago that modern war and modern civilization cannot survive in the same world... After centuries of warfare—indeed millenniums of warfare—the long story has at last come to its climax in our generation. And the climax is upon us because science and technology, which have shaped and conditioned the world we live in, have now unfolded their treasures and their secrets to the desperate demands of men, and have placed in their hands weapons and apparatus which make the shattering of human society the inevitable consequence of their use.

The second statement, calling attention to the same truth, is the following from Mr. William C. Bullitt, formerly U. S. ambassador to Russia:

"Man's control over the forces of inanimate nature has been increasing with incredible speed; but man has acquired little if any increased control over the forces of his own nature. In the laboratories of the world new instruments of war—like the 'atomic bomb'—are being perfected; instruments which will make the largest blockbusters of the present day seem like a child's toy. If man cannot increase his control over the envy, hatred, malice and cruelty that well up within his own nature, he will use his increasing control over the forces of inanimate nature to destroy the major portion of the human race and all the fairest creations of civilization."

Now the "robot bomb" has appeared on the battle front in Europe, potentially the most destructive by far of military weapons. In its initial stage of development this bomb carrier has a range of 100 to 150 miles, and can be made to glide almost silently upon its target. Improved models may be made which will carry many times this weight of high explosives and have a range of 1000 miles or more. That the combatant nations in another war would immediately make use of this new weapon and concentrate upon its development to a vastly greater potency, goes without saying.

So it appears that war has entered upon a new era, and that men must find some way to control the forces of his own nature or perish. But how is he to do this, which all history shows never has been done by any human agency, and which Christianity teaches cannot be done by human power or wisdom, but only by the power of God operating through the gospel?

Leon A. Smith, P. O. Box 1112, Eagle Point, Oregon.

San Francisco's first public schoolhouse was built on the west side of Portsmouth Square in 1847.

RITES THURSDAY FOR JOHN PATRICK

Services for John Patrick, who passed away in Bend last Sunday, will be held in the Conger-Morris Chapel at 2:30 p. m. Thursday with the Rev. C. W. Frost officiating. Interment will be in I.O.O.F. cemetery.

He was born in Grants Pass on August 25, 1908. For 16 years he drove a truck for the Valley Fuel company, leaving here about two years ago to drive a truck for the government as he was rejected by the army.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Patrick, Davis, Calif., and two sisters, Mrs. Doris May Fitzpatrick, Riddle, Ore., and Mrs. Emma Lue Blankenship, Fortuna, Calif.

DENNIE WOOD WRITES OF SAIPAN SERVICE

Mrs. Clarence Pankey of 321 Apple street heard from her son, Dennie Wood, last week, giving for the first time news of his having taken part in the action on Saipan Island. Wood writes interesting reports of patrols and other activities on the island. His wife, Opal, and daughter, Jeanine, make their home at 329 N. Bartlett street.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle, 200; calves, 100. Market active. Steers and heifers strong. Canner to common cows, 25 to 50c higher. Common cows \$1.00 and more above week ago. Medium grass steers up to \$14.00; heifers, \$11.00; canner and cutter cows, \$5.00 to \$5.50; fat dairy type cows to \$8.00 and above; good bulls, \$9.00; good to choice vealers, \$14.00 to \$15.25.

Hogs, 600. Market very active, steady. Good to choice 180-240 lbs., \$15.75; 241-270 lbs., \$15.00; good sows, 25 to 50c higher, largely \$11.00; light weights to \$12.00; feeder pigs steady at \$12.00 to \$12.50.

Sheep, 700. Market very active, fully steady. Good to choice spring lambs, \$12.00; common spring, \$9.00; culls down to \$6.00; medium to good yearlings, \$8.00 to \$10.00; ewes, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

South San Francisco, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle, 300. Steady. Desirable grades generally steady. Few loads good steers and young range cows offered. Larger grade stock dull, weak. Few common cows, \$8.50 to \$9.00; cutters, \$7.00 to \$8.00; canners, \$5.00 to \$5.50; old good sausage bulls, \$11.00 to \$11.50; medium, \$10.00 to \$10.50.

Calves, 40. Steady. Few choice 280-lb. vealers, \$14.25.

Hogs, salable, 300. Generally steady. Odd packages good 180-240-lb. barrows and gilts, \$10.75, ceiling price; package 200-lb., \$14.75; odd good sows, \$11.50; heavy, \$10.00.

Sheep, 1800. Two decks good to choice north coast woolled lambs, \$13.50. Yesterday, about 400 head medium to good short yearlings, \$10.50 to \$11.50; about 400 cull to good ewes, \$1.00 to \$4.00, few \$4.25.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—(WPA)—Livestock: Hogs, 14,000. Complete clearance.

Reventlows Vacation in Canada



Watching a small crab he caught at Vancouver, B. C., beach resort is Lance Reventlow, son of Count Haugwitz-Reventlow and his former wife, Barbara Hutton Grant, dime store heiress. The Count is shown at right with his present wife, the former Margaret Astor Drayton, and her daughter, Pamela. This is first picture of Lance since he was taken from Los Angeles by his father during dispute over his estate.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

August 9, 1934

(It was Thursday)

President nationalizes silver and stores of the white metal ordered to mint in 90 days.

President urged to intervene in Minneapolis truck drivers' strike.

A. B. Cammerer, national park director, and Robert Fechner, CCC director, guests at Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Fair. High 91 low 54 degrees

Butter sells for 26c per pound on Portland market, for highest price of year.

Irrigation to close in valley coming month end, in better condition than expected.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 9, 1914

(It was Saturday)

City water restrictions at Central Point ended.

Farmers advised to hold onto hens for higher egg prices.

Cloudy. High 89.5, low 49 degrees.

Million pounds of prunes sold by Oregon growers to European lands at high prices.

Clever forger bilks local stores out of \$100.

Expect tourist travel to keep up for another month.

Motor cop in Gold Hill declared "over-zealous" by travelers.

BERRY PICKERS WARNED AGAINST CARELESS FIRES

Hve you a little fire bomb in your camping gear—you berry pickers?

"Several Oregon families who spent the fall months in the forest and wilderness areas of western Oregon searching for wild blackberries and huckleberries last year started forest fires," Robert Dodge, of Ashland, Jackson county chairman of Keep Oregon Green started today. "I want to warn berry picking families and campers who hunt berries in the woods to be careful with their campfires and do not smoke while in wooded areas."

Forest fire authorities point out that this season may break a five-year all-time low record for forest fires because of the lack of rainfall and the extremely dry condition of the forests. Just for example, over an 11-month period, September to July, Portland had its second dry spell. The rainfall was 26.73 inches, whereas the lowest mark for that period was in 1923-24 when only 25.22 inches fell. Only .09 of precipitation was recorded in that city, which was 52 below normal. With a serious shortage of men in the logging woods, who usually are available for emergency fire fighting, the condition today is dangerous.

POSTAL SERVICE WOES

Camp Lee, Va. —(U.P.)—The Postal Information Branch of the Army Postal Service receives many strange and varied requests from the folks at home who want to send packages and letters to those overseas G.I.s.

A father in Minnesota wanted to send a washing machine to Guadalcanal, and a wife of a dental officer threatened that her husband would pull all the teeth of every postal clerk he met because he hadn't received mail in three months.

ANYTHING FOR METER

Tewksbury, Mass. —(U.P.)—Insurrection on the headstone of Lt. William Kitteredge, 92, in the Old Center Burying Ground: "He's gone at length, how many grieves

Whom he did generously relieve, But O how shocking he expire Amidst the flames of raging fire! Yet all who sleep in Christ are blessed Whate'er way they are undressed!"

EXPERT ON KNOTS

Clearfield, Utah —(U.P.)—Pay Clerk Herbert Sain of the Clearfield naval supply depot can tie expertly—40 knots used by the Navy, past and present. Although a naval veteran of Tunisia, Sicily and Salerno, Sain learned to tie the naval knots long before he joined the service—in fact, it was at the age of six, from his father, who was a marine engineer.

STOVE RATIONING TO BE LIGHTENED AUG. 15

Washington, Aug. 9 —(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration announced today that on August 15 rationing restrictions will be removed from coal-wood laundry stoves and gas ranges with non-metallic outside, back or side panels.

MORE FISH

Washington, Aug. 9 —(U.P.)—There'll be more fish—fresh, canned and frozen—for civilians during the 1944-45 fiscal year, but still nothing like the regular pre-war supply the War Food Administration announced today.

WORSE THAN HANGING

Haverhill Corner, N. H. —(U.P.)—Getting oneself hanged appears to have been a long process in these parts back in the 1860s. Records at the old jail house show that at one hanging the sermon that preceded it lasted two hours. Seventeen pages expounded the text, three were addressed to the criminal, and 13 to the audience.

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