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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The government is reported

agor for fear returning soldiers

will bring back a bird, bug, or

beast, apt to turn out to be an

alien pest. European bull-

finches and rabbits are barred.

It is too late to do anything

about the British economist who

put the New Deal chief up to

squandering money to produce

prosperity. Restrictions are in

immediate order for European

nuts and their isms.

The upstate press has started,

as usual in campaign years, to

discuss pro and con the "in-

dependent voter." The "independ-

ent" voter, as in previous elec-

tions, will probably be too "in-

dependent" to vote.

Now that cucumbers are

available, the Older Girls are

staging a "tossed" salad spree.

In making the "tossed" salad,

everything that can be eaten

without being cooked is tossed

into the bowl, chopped up in-

discriminately, and then tossed

on the table, to be tossed down

by the diners.

INDIVIDUALIST

(Somerset (Pa.) American

"The only way for printers

to get a rest is to lock the

door and walk out. That's

what we are doing this week.

In case of emergency, see

Harry Greenfield.

George Bernard Shaw, the

British author, proposes a basic

income of \$3,200 per year for

everybody, to save civilization

from a crack-up. Sooner or

later somebody in this country

will approve of this "gimme"

idea, and run for high office.

A newspaper survey reveals

"the trend of modern journal-

ists is towards research in the

news, rather than search." The

fact "research" is conducted

while seated, and "search" in-

volves moving around, may

have something to do with the

trend.

Residents of southwest states

have filed a protest against the

thinness of the ham, as served

in beaneries. Diners all over

the land have long marveled at

how the chefs could cut the

ham so thin and still make a

showing on the plate.

Admiral Gatch, Oregon-born,

declares the "surest way to

keep the peace after this war

is to go at it in exactly the

opposite way to what we did after

the last war." Sending the gen-

erals and admirals to the peace

table, instead of oratorical po-

liticians would help. In the last

war everybody possessed of a

claw-hammer coat and plug hat

in Washington, D. C., armed

himself with a brief case and

journeyed to Paris, "in an ad-

visory capacity."

Health experts have ruled

spinach is not such a hot food

for a growing child. This is no

balism to the gent, who in his

tender years, stowed away a

hundred bales of the stuff un-

der the guidance of his ma.

Youngsters would have been

better off had they taken their

sand straight.

PIONEER PESTS

"The express man does not

live in this office. We don't

know where he is; we don't

care. He doesn't belong to us;

is no relation. Doesn't tell us

when he is going away, nor

mention when he is coming

back. We have no key to his

shop; don't understand his bus-

ness. We don't know how long

it takes him to eat not what he

has for dinner, nor how soon he

is coming back, nor whether he

has gone to deliver a sermon or

a package, or any other little

thing. We do know that he goes

away on business, and that ap-

parently everybody waits until

that time to ask us among other

things the questions that the

above answers fit.—(50 Yr. Ago

Col. The Dallas Chronicle.)

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p. m.

Is the War Over?

If the American victory at Argentan, France is, as an unnamed American general quoted by the U.P., claims:

"The greatest infantry victory in centuries!"

Then the war in Europe should be over by Labor Day as certain Wall Street brokers predicted.

For the "greatest infantry victory in centuries" would include the Russian victory at Stalingrad, as well as the allied victory at Waterloo.

The latter finished Napoleon. The former finished Hitler as far as Russia was concerned.

THE Germans have not won a victory on the eastern front or permanently gained a foot of ground there since Stalingrad. Meanwhile the Russian armies have advanced steadily day after day, covering over twice the distance Argentan is from Berlin.

So assuming the unknown general knows what he is talking about the "Big Parade" in the west to "Unter Den Linden" should be about to start.

And as far as "we, the people" are concerned the sooner it starts the better, and the sooner the American armies get to Berlin the better!

For while a Russian entree into the German capital would be heartily welcomed on this side of the Atlantic; a Yankee triumph would naturally arouse more general and lasting enthusiasm,—and somehow seem a bit more fitting.

UNTIL the American general is named, however, or his statement confirmed by subsequent events, it might be well for the gamblers on the short-end of that Wall Street "hook", to keep their rubber bands on their pocket books.

That the Argentinian victory is a real one, and another smashing body-blow to the German Reich, appears reasonably certain. It may even prove to be equal to another Tunisian knock-out, which ended the African campaign. The overwhelming allied smash from the air sounds like it.

But on the other hand, any remarks by "unnamed" American army officers, generals or otherwise, can usually be taken with several grains of salt. Nine times out of ten some hopped-up war correspondent thus expresses his own views disguised by high ranking anonymity.

SO just as well to hold our 44-gun salute and attendant fireworks, until the smoke of the conflict clears somewhat and the exact score can be made out. As far as victory celebrations are concerned, "too much and too soon" can only be ranked along with the sad slogan of the early days of the war: "Too little and too late!"

Watch Silesia

Speaking of the inexorable Russian advance, the point where Hitler can no longer afford to trade territory for time, has been reached.

For with the Russians striking in southwest Poland, all of Upper Silesia is threatened, and there is a war prize that must be held by Germany, or her powers of resistance in the East will be materially lessened if not completely lost.

FOR Silesia is to eastern Germany what the Ruhr is to western Germany. There is Germany's chief supply of coal, also a most important source of food, munitions and vital minerals. Just south of it lies the famous Moravian Gate, the centuries old passageway through Central Europe,—a most vital strategic point.

In short, Hitler must fight for Silesia, in an entirely different way than he has fought for time in Russia, or he is lost.

OF course he is lost anyway. But the Russian conquest of Silesia would be equivalent to the allied conquest of the Rhine and the Ruhr, as far as delivering the "coup de grace" to the Third Reich is concerned.

Those interested in naming the date when the Nazis capitulate therefore should keep their eyes on Silesia.

A Changed Japan

If any evidence of the changed spirit in Japan is desired, the Tokyo radio supplies it.

A sadder more depressing program than the once bumptious and boastful Nipponese now provide could scarcely be imagined.

A large part of the time is devoted to allied prisoners, Australian and American taken at Corregidor, plaintively inquiring when this awful war will stop and they can join their loved ones in the Antipodes and the United States. It is a pathetic effort to stimulate a spirit of American pacifism which no longer exists.

An attempt is made to paint the European war picture in brighter colors than the facts permit, but it fails dismally when through the smoke screen of repression the ugly truth that Germany is in full retreat, can't be entirely kept out.

EVEN Japan's recent victories against China have a hollow sound as presented by the present official announcer, for his voice instead of being chipper and self confident as was true a year or so ago, is now as mournful and lugubrious as an East Indian funeral chant.

It probably would be premature to claim Japan's fighting heart has been broken, or the will to resist to the death no longer exists.

But Japan's spirit has certainly completely transformed since the conquest of the Philippines and the Malay states,—today's broadcasts over the short wave from Tokyo prove it.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Quebec, Aug. 15.—The Canadian elections last week may be a forerunner of what is at hand

In the United States, as the issues and trends are somewhat the same. The popular publicity trend toward socialism could hardly be found in the ballot boxes when the votes were counted. Here in Quebec, the center of political power in Canada comparable to our combined eastern states, a provincial victory went to the "union nationale." The name is meaningless. The party is not for a nationalistic union of the provinces, but ran on the opposite platform—states rights.

Maurice Duplessis, leader of the party, based his campaign against the centralization of power in the Ottawa federal government and mentioned no other issue. Roughly, he played Dewey against liberal Premier MacKenzie King's Roosevelt, although he is probably more conservative than Dewey.

NO ONE expected Duplessis to win. The advance canvassers concluded that the election would enable the socialists (C. C. F. party) to eat into the liberal control of the province, causing a three-way split with no one in an absolute majority. But when the votes were counted there were practically none for the socialists.

In an incomplete count, they polled about one-third-fourth of the votes cast. Indeed, they had only half as many as all the scattered minor parties at the bottom of the list, and got one parliament seat from a remote new mining district. Almost as badly defeated were the nationalists (Bloc populaire), which won only four seats.

The liberal party, represented provincially by Premier Godbout, swept through the cities of Montreal and Quebec, but the farmers and small villagers surprisingly gave the majority of parliament to Duplessis (plurality over liberal 4737, absolute majority two or three votes), ousting the Godbout government from majority control.

Obviously, they were alarmed at the centralization of war powers in the national government. Dissatisfaction with rationing, regulations, red tape, is apparent here as in the states, although less is said about it publicly.

It is true this states' rights sentiment is solidified here by French Canadian fear that they will lose the preponderant use of the French language in this province, their schools, etc., if Ottawa takes too much power, but no one in Ottawa has proposed that yet, or probably ever will.

Premier MacKenzie Smith, as all predecessors, plays up to Quebec, which is one of the three Canadian liberal strongholds that has kept him in power nationally, and indeed might yet vote for him in fall elections, depending on who is running against him nationally.

THE western province of Alberta is politically wild, woolly and full of antics. There, the social credit government swept the C. C. F. socialists nearly off the slate, giving them but two seats.

I think the people just found the socialists out. This C. C. F. has a definite, complete socialization program. It proposes federally to take over banks, railroads, businesses now in private hands, and to issue to the stockholders a non-interest bearing bond.

Now who is going to keep a non-interest bearing bond? These naturally would be cashed in with the government, the people's treasury. So the people, now burdened with excessive taxation, would have to bear the additional postwar burden of purchasing every business in the country. It does not make sense.

C. C. F. tried to get the farm vote by leaving the farmer out of their program, allowing him to continue to own his small farms. But the farmers had more sense. They also pay taxes.

Phipps Departs For Service With A.P. As War Correspondent

William E. Phipps, Jr., former Medford newspaperman now connected with the Associated Press, is en route to London to serve as a war correspondent, his father, Attorney W. E. Phipps, said today.

The newsman, after working in the San Francisco bureau of the Associated Press for the past three months, left last night for New York City, from whence he will sail for London.

A Medford high and University of Oregon graduate, Phipps was in the Portland bureau of the Associated Press for 18 months. He was also employed by the United Press at one time.

Hitler Purge Victims



Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck (right), described by German news sources as one of German generals leading revolt against Hitler, is reported executed. At left is Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, former chief of German general staff, whose retirement for "health reasons" has raised speculation about possibility of his involvement with generals who sought to oust Hitler.

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SCHOOLS OPENING SEPTEMBER 11-18

Most of the schools of the county, both city and country, will open on either September 11 or September 18, the office of County School Superintendent C. R. Bowman reports. A few of the schools on the floor of the valley will open on the later date, to give students more time to work in the fruit harvest.

The teacher shortage is not as high as it was a week ago. Several teachers including those with high school experience have reported the past week. This was said by Bowman to be due in part to the slackening of war defense work in some areas, with applicants looking for occupation at their peace time profession.

Teachers' contracts filed with the superintendent, have been coming in slowly so far.

Bergen Will Wed New York Model

Hollywood, Aug. 15.—(U.P.)—Edgar Bergen, film and radio ventriloquist, stopped talking for Charlie McCarthy long enough today to admit to friends by telephone that he will marry Frances Westerman, New York model.

"I don't know when the date will be," Bergen said from New York. "Frances has just gotten a job as a Powers model and she wants to have a fling at a career first; maybe in October."

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Miss Vera Butterfield visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Butterfield last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arky Ward of Medford, were Sunday visitors in Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. James Blevins and son Jimmie, left for their new home in Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. Floyd Lance went to Etina and Fort Jones, Cal., to visit for a week.

Arty Laws has returned from Portland where he took his physical examination prior to induction into the army.

Curtis Parker arrived in Gold Hill Friday to attend the funeral of his brother, Arthur Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Logan and son left Aug. 9 for Richmond, Cal. They were recent visitors of the John Cogswells at the Gold Hill Auto park. Mr. Logan is a brother of Mrs. Cogswell.

Mrs. Bud Force and baby daughter, Judy, returned home from a hospital in Medford Aug. 9th.

Mrs. Jack Cannon gave a surprise dinner party for her husband, Aug. 12. Out of town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Force, and Mrs. Haskins of Provoit, and Charles Arthur of Portland.

Vaughn Whitmore has been ill for the past week. Vaughn is employed by the Copeland Lumber Co. of Medford.

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 15, 1934 (It was Wednesday)

Gov. Meier urged to run for governor as an independent.

Herr Hitler giver praise by Marshal Von Hindenburg before death, German people told.

Fair. High 93, low 54 degrees.

Jackson county to strike names of those who buy liquor from relief rolls.

President Roosevelt warns "food profiteers," they will be punished.

Crescent City harbor plan disapproved for present.

Due to excessive dryness no more permits to be issued for burning grass.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY August 15, 1914 (It was Friday)

President Coolidge in his acceptance speech favors a "government of common sense" in reply to the democratic issue of "liberal thought and progressive action." Opposes "wild spending of public funds."

Fair. High 91, low 52 degrees.

American Legion to handle its own relief cases after January 1.

"The Riders of the Red Rose." Klan order, collapses due to lack of members.

Civic club of Central Point to give a sociable.

Grain yield in Sams Valley is above expectations.

Water situation in Elk Creek district is still serious.

Ashland Lithia water fountain run dry.