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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The democratic vice presidential nominee will be officially notified Thursday he is the nominee. Unofficially, he knew 10 days before the Hannegan-shenanigan at Chicago, he would be nominated. He is starting out fine with a 22-minute talk to open his campaign.

"He is working in the timber, while his wife is carrying-on in town."—(Exchange).—Food for gossip.

The OPA has decided to keep the price of grapes a secret, until the size of the crop is known. They may surmise there will be a huge demand for grapes for jelly, as in Prohibition days.

"Undoubtedly you've heard about the frog who apologized when he coughed while making a speech and explained he had a man in his throat."—(Augusta (Kan.) Gazette).—Something like the log that slept like a man last night.

Gov. Dewey, the GOP presidential choice, is now striving to keep "peace out of politics." This is a noteworthy objective, win, lose, or draw. It can be accomplished best by keeping the politicians out of the peace conference. It now looks like, from Washington, everybody in the "solid south," who never voted republican will be there in sufficient numbers to blacken the sun. Nothing this side of General Patton's tank army could keep them out. It will be all they can do to keep H. Hopkins, the deputy president, away. The generals fight the and should write the peace terms.

RED FACE ITEM

(Press Ditch)

"A chief sent a decorated cake, a woman contributed a gallon of ice cream, another woman arrived with a bottle of old sauerne.

The cake and ice cream were devoured, but the sauerne was unopened. The sewing circle was under the auspices of the W.C.T.U."

A Lane county apple tree is reportedly now blooming and bearing at the same time. Such unseemly conduct by Mother Nature causes the suspicion to arise, a typewriter and a cider-mill are in close cooperation nearby.

"Wanted—To buy a large dog house or similar structure."—(Orinda Home Builder).—Will occupy at once.

"HITLER DUE TO STRIKE OUT"—(Hollins Roseburg News-Review).—The best rumors indicate, for Argentine, the late "good neighbor."

Farmers report a shortage of watermelon thefts. Several announce unless a purloiner shows up they are going to sneak out in the full moon to their patch and steal one to make it taste better.

Paris is now sorely pestered by its "down disorderly elements," and Gen. DeGaulle is due for a hectic time in calming them down. News dispatchers reveal they are doing about everything they shouldn't do and, in some instances, making the visit of the Nazis seem lady-like. They are armed—both with autos and rifles. Until liberated the toughs, including the mean "Apaches" were a tame lot. The ornery attitude they now display was lacking in 1940, when the hordes of Hitler roared in and France fainted and fell.

The bald dressers of America report men like curls, while the womenfolk favor the "upswing" hair-do. The "upswing" makes them appear "intellectual," it is claimed. The casual observer has long thought, it made them look scared, without knowing why.

S. P. Assails Dept. of Justice

We are in receipt of a long-winded article from the Southern Pacific Press Bureau moaning and groaning over the suit brought against it by the U. S. Dept. of Justice. The suit, as has been reported, would compel the S. P. to restore through service over the "Shasta line" as per the railroad's original pledge to the government in return for valuable federal gifts of thousands of acres of land.

THERE is no attempt in the article to answer the charges filed against the railroad, legal or moral, but close to a thousand words are used to construct a smoke screen behind which the S. P. again wallows in an orgy of self-glorification over its "amazing war service," and has the unmitigated crust to maintain, that for the Department of Justice to bring a suit against it, or any other railroad, at this time, is improper and unpatriotic.

If the President of the Southern Pacific had his way, in fact the sacrosanct S. P. and all other railroads of the country would be allowed to break all the pledges and contracts and laws they might wish, as long as the war lasts, and not be called to account until after it is over!

What childish nonsense!

THE Southern Pacific is guilty as charged or it isn't.

If it is, then it should be forced to correct the wrong and make amends at once. If it isn't, then that is that,—the matter can be forgotten as far as federal law is concerned, and efforts to get decent railroad service here in Southern Oregon can be devoted through other channels.

BUT the idea that because a war is on, the courts, federal and otherwise, must declare a moratorium, shut up shop and do nothing about law violations until the war is over, is one of the most bizarre and extraordinary proposals ever made in the history of Big Business litigation.

Does the S. P. think it is the only railroad engaged in war service? Or that it is the only large and rich corporation concentrating at this critical time on vital war tasks?

One might think so from this smug and specious argument.

For surely even the S. P. could hardly advocate that ALL businesses, large and small, contributing to the war effort, should be free to observe their contracts, or not observe them, obey the law, or not obey the law, as long as they please as long as the war lasts. Yet if such a procedure is right for the S. P. it would be right for American business as a whole.

AS a matter of fact, as a result of the war, through service on the Shasta line is, and has been, needed more than ever before in the history of this section of the state. Few things, indeed, would contribute more to Southern Oregon's maximum war effort or morale than to have the sort of train service the Southern Pacific promised originally to give,—but broke the promise.

CAN the federal courts secure it?

That is the question. And it is one which can't be—and should not be—tried out in the newspapers, but in the aforesaid courts.

The idea that such a trial will seriously impair the Southern Pacific's war effort is about as silly as the other contentions in this ponderous opus.

The S. P. has at least a hundred high-priced lawyers on its payroll who do nothing but attend to such matters, and the case will merely mean they will have to work instead of loafing around and drawing their per diems.

The men who are ACTUALLY running the trains and doing the war job won't be needed at this trial,—for the case has absolutely nothing to do with the war effort, but is concerned solely with whether the moral pledge and obligation of the Southern Pacific to give through service in Southern Oregon is also a LEGAL one.

That is all. Obviously the federal courts, not the President and directors of the S. P., or the people of this community, must decide it.

France In Turmoil

Some weeks ago we remarked when the war in Europe is over the fighting won't be.

The present situation in Paris is an example of what we had in mind.

The Germans have been driven out but now the French are fighting among themselves.

And in all likelihood this fighting will go on until General De Gaulle puts on a purge of his own and probably proclaims martial law.

FOR after a tidal wave has passed it takes some time for the ocean to settle down. And after a war has raged over a land for five years it takes some time to restore anything approaching law and order.

The burning issue in France before the war was communism,—should France turn to the left or the right, go Red or go Fascist.

It did neither but after Blum turned sharply to the right.

NOW under De Gaulle it will probably do neither again but turn just as sharply to the left.

The Old Guard in France, as elsewhere, dies but it never surrenders. The time has probably come for it,—or most of it,—to die.

AND after that is accomplished no doubt a new France will be established. It is difficult to predict precisely what form of government will then prevail. But this much is fairly certain.

France as a world power will be far weaker than it was before the war; but the people,—the French masses,—will have far more power.

HOUSE INCLINED TO BACK SENATE ON JOB AID BILL

Gives States Right to Set Own Benefit Pay; Eliminates Gravy.

By Raymond Lehr (UP Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Aug. 29.—(UP)—The house went into the first day of debate on its narrow version of the senate-approved demobilization bill today with indications that it would join the senate in refusing to liberalize unemployment benefits under federal standards.

The rules committee recommended two days of general debate with the measure subject to amendment on the floor. Advocates of a more liberal bill, however, had little hope of winning approval of their proposals except perhaps to restore provisions of the original senate bill eliminated by the ways and means committee.

The amended measure would create an over-all demobilization agency to supervise reconversion activity for one year after the war and would authorize loans to protect the solvency of state unemployment compensation funds, with the states to fix their own standards for the benefits. It was introduced in the senate by Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga.

Provisions extending unemployment compensation to 3,500,000 federal employees and authorizing travel allowances up to \$200 for discharged war workers were eliminated by the ways and means committee over the protests of a Democratic minority.

SOCIALIST SAYS DEMOS WILL WIN

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 29.—(UP)—The Democrats will be kept in power in the November election and will have the "responsibility of answering for the conditions which ensue," according to Norman Thomas, five-time Socialist candidate for president.

Thomas said in a public address last night that President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey were running "virtually on interchangeable platforms" and that the Socialist party, favoring a variety of social controls, offered the only democratic solution.

The Socialists in their present campaign are attempting to make people think on issues purposely evaded by both major parties and the size of the Socialist vote will be a factor in bringing about a post-war realignment of liberals on both parties into a strong progressive third party, Thomas said.

Lake Creek

Lake Creek, Aug. 29.—(Spl.)—A farewell surprise was given in honor of Mrs. Anna Tonn Tuesday evening at the Wm. Hoeft home. Those present were as follows: Mrs. Vevia Grigsby and daughter, Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tyrrell, Mrs. Julia Dow, Mrs. Arden Tyrrell and son, John, Mrs. Frank Farlow, Mr. and Mrs. Worley and sons, Larry and Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Teel, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pech, Ardie, Roland, Eunice and Virginia Pech, Mr. and Mrs. Burns and daughter, Billie June, Mrs. Amy Grissom, Donald Grissom, Bill Nussbaum, Mrs. Wyant, Burrell, Fern and Ralph Wyant, Mrs. Mayseel Hoeft and daughter, June, Mrs. Edith Ruozzi, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoeft and the guest of honor, Mrs. Tonn.

Cpl. Clifton A. Day is now visiting his wife, Mrs. Joan Day and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miller on a 10-day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Pech brought their tiny daughter, Verna Lucille, home from the hospital Friday.

Mrs. Mayseel Hoeft returned to Medford after a three-week stay at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lucas and family from California are now settled in their new home on the Tonn ranch.

GIRL SLAYER GIVES UP The Dalles, Ore., Aug. 29.—(UP)—Sheep-herder Charles Wilson was questioned today on the death of his 13-year-old stepdaughter, Genevieve Fulkerson, after surrendering to farmers while a posse searched for him near Antelope.

IN HUMAN FATHER San Francisco, Aug. 29.—(UP)—Arthur Woodbury, 39, shipyard rigger from Wyoming, today began serving a six months sentence for drunkenness after admitting he had painfully burned his six months old baby with an electric iron "to make him stop crying."

Closing time for Sunday Too Late on Classy 3-30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

Harbor Queen



(Acme Telephoto) "Queen of Harbor Day" is title Lynn Blinn, USO Junior Hostess, won in competition with 11 other Junior Hostesses in San Francisco. She won overwhelming majority of contest votes cast by servicemen.

TELEVISION FOR MASSES TO COME SLOW AFTER WAR

Chicago, Aug. 29.—(UP)—The radio industry will be confronted immediately after the war with the possibilities of many new services, but it may require at least 10 years before they achieve a sound economic operation on a national scale, the executives of the National Association of Broadcasters was told today.

Television broadcasting will be slow in achieving profitable operation, because the cost of construction and programming will be relatively high, he predicted, and it will appear in larger cities before it comes to smaller communities.

Frequency modulation will provide a better broadcast service, both in quality and in freedom from interference, than is attained today, and will make possible the establishment of stations in communities not now adequately served, Craven said.

"Television is a service which may become a necessary corollary to television broadcasting to the home," he said. "Experience in foreign countries indicates that the public may become interested in viewing television in a theater."

"If television receivers are costly as compared to the pocketbook of the average person, it seems almost inevitable that television theaters will become a reality."

TANK PLANT CLOSED

Los Angeles, Aug. 29.—(UP)—Production of amphibious tank parts and other war materials was at a standstill today at Los Angeles and Alhambra plants of Kay-Brunner Steel Products, Inc., with 350 machinists and foundry workers on strike.

WANTS ALIMONY

Hollywood, Aug. 29.—(UP)—Actor Ian Keith was notified today that his former wife, known on the stage as Fern Andra, intends to press her pending suit to collect \$3398 in back alimony.

COMPULSORY DRILL SEEN

Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 29.—(UP)—Compulsory military training, probably administered by state governments, is "certain" to be adopted in the United States, Brig. Gen. Ray W. Hays, state adjutant general, believes.

Synthetic urea, containing nitrogen taken from the air, can effectively replace part of the protein in the diet of cows, reports the Massachusetts Agricultural Experimental Station.

FAKE PRINTS IN MARIGNY MURDER TRIAL IS CLAIM

Miami Expert Accused of Unethical Act at Famous Nassau Trial.

Deadwood, S. D., Aug. 29.—(UP)—Capt. James O. Barker, Miami, Fla., police officer, was under fire in this colorful old frontier town today, charged by two members of the International Association for Identification with faking a fingerprint in the murder trial of Count Alfred De Marigny at Nassau, Bahamas, last year.

Barker, head of the police identification bureau at Miami, was here to defend himself as the hearings opened before the board of directors of the association.

Barker was the crown's principal witness in the trial of De Marigny, accused of murdering his wealthy father-in-law, Sir Harry Onkes, at Nassau July 8, 1943.

Barker is accused of unethical behavior in his representation of the crown during the trial by Leonard E. Keeler, Chicago, criminologist, and Capt. Maurice O'Neil, chief of identification for the New Orleans police, the principal witnesses at the trial.

The charges center about the little fingerprint of De Marigny which Barker swore he found on the screen that stood beside Sir Harry's bed. There seemed little doubt that the fingerprint belonged to the 32-year-old French count, but Barker's accusers insist that it couldn't have been taken from the screen because the print has a different background.

Keeler and O'Neil, who were the principal defense witnesses at the De Marigny trial, brought photos with them of all the principal scenes of the murder, and it was expected that the entire trial would be re-enacted at the hearings against Barker.

The results of the hearings are expected to be of grave import to future identification of suspects by police and the admission of fingerprints as evidence at trials.

Barker faces censure or expulsion from the association if it is found that he acted in an unethical manner in presenting the De Marigny fingerprint at the trial.

SWISS CHEESE TO DROP 3 CTS. A LB.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(UP)—Retail prices of Swiss cheese will go down by an average of three cents a pound as a result of pricing changes to go into effect Sept. 4. The Office of Price Administration announced today.

OPA said the order would increase factory prices of cheese by an average of 3 1/2 cents a pound but that the retail reduction would come through cutting mark-up margins of other handlers.

The order will remove Swiss cheese from the Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 1942, base "freeze" prices and put it under specific dollar-and-cents maximums. Under the new schedule highest prices for Swiss cheese will be 56 cents at San Francisco.

Dad Proud of Son Court Told to Whip

Fitchburg, Mass., Aug. 29.—(UP)—Harry Woodworth was a very proud father today—proud of the son he refused to horse-whip in 1938.

A court ordered him to inflict the punishment on his son, Harold J. Woodworth, for juvenile vandalism. The boy, then 16, had confessed to cutting wires in the Boston and Maine railroad signal system. When Woodworth refused, the court withdrew the order.

Yesterday the father was notified by the navy department that his son, now an aviation machinist's mate, had been given the war medal for extraordinary achievement in the Aleutians.

CARELESS—FINED \$100

Los Angeles, Aug. 29.—(UP)—Reminded from the bench of the Port Chicago, Calif., disaster, Longshoreman Joseph Moore today paid a \$100 fine for smoking while loading asphalt aboard a ship at the high explosive docks.

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Livestock

Portland, Ore., Aug. 29.—(UP)—Live-Stock: Cattle, 250. calves, 100. Supply largely cows and heifers. Early sales about steady. Common heifers, \$8.00 to \$10.00; few common steers, \$10.00 to \$12.00; common and cutter cows, \$4.50 to \$6.75; common to medium vealers, \$10.00 to \$12.00; good clean sale calves, \$12.00 to \$15.00; Monday and fully steady prices; few loads strictly good grass feeders, \$14.50 to \$15.00; bulk medium to good, \$13.00 to \$14.00.

Hogs, 475. Active steady market. Top, \$15.75 on good and choice 180-240 lbs.; most 241-270 lbs., \$15.00; heavier weights, \$13.50 to \$14.00; light lights, \$13.50 to \$14.00; sows, \$12.50 to \$13.00; choice light weights, \$14.75 to \$15.00.

Sheep, 300. Low, about steady. Few good and choice woolled spring lambs, \$12.00 to \$12.25; medium yearlings, \$8.50; wethers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; good ewes, \$3.00. Late Monday several hundred head truck-in feeding lambs, \$8.00 to \$9.00.

South San Francisco, Aug. 29.—(UP)—(USDA)—Livestock: Cattle, 200. Active, fully steady. Largely she-stock run. About four cars medium 1000-1050-lb. range cows, \$11.25 to \$12.00; common, \$9.00 to \$10.00; cutters, \$7.00 to \$8.00; canners, \$5.00 to \$6.00; medium sausage bulls, \$10.00 to \$10.50; Late Monday lead, 1000-1050-lb. feed steers, \$14.70; four per cent shrink.

Cattle, salable, 15. Nominal good to choice vealers quoted \$14.00 to \$14.50.

Hogs, salable, 350. Generally steady. Around 3 loads good to choice 180-240-lb. barrows and gilts, \$15.75; few sows, \$15.00; odd good sows, \$13.25.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—(UP)—(WFA)—Livestock: Hogs, 12,000. Good and choice 160-240 lbs., \$14.75; heavier hogs and good and choice, \$14.00.

Cattle—Slaughter steers and yearlings early top, \$12.50; bulk, \$15.75 to \$16.00; medium grass and shortfed, \$12.50 to \$13.00; heifers top, \$17.75; medium to good beef cows, \$13.00 to \$13.75; common and cutter cows, \$8.00 to \$10.50; canners and cutters, \$5.50 to \$7.75; sausage bulls to \$11.50; vealers, \$15.00 down.

Sheep—Opening fully steady on native slaughter lambs and ewes. Good and choice native springers mostly \$14.50 to \$15.00; medium and good large, \$12.00 to \$14.25; cull and common, \$8.00 to \$10.50; short native ewes mostly \$4.75 down.

Portland Produce

Portland, Ore., Aug. 29.—(UP)—Peaches—Oregon Early Crawford, \$1.60 to \$1.75; better Yakima Elberta, \$1.40 to \$1.50 box; northwest, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per bushel box.

Apples—Washington, \$1.25 to \$2.00 sack. Potatoes—Louisiana yams, \$4.30 per 50-lb. crate.

Squash—Hubbard, \$1.25 box. Tomatoes—The Dalles, field, \$1.15 to \$1.25; Yakima, \$1.00 to \$1.10 box.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Aug. 29.—(UP)—Wheat: Sept. 1944, \$1.55; High, \$1.55; Low, \$1.53; Dec. 1944, \$1.54; Jan. 1945, \$1.54; Feb. 1945, \$1.54; Mar. 1945, \$1.54; July 1945, \$1.47; 1946, \$1.46; 1947, \$1.47.

SAN FRANCISCO DAILY Market: Butter, 42 score, 42c; 62 score, 42c; 91 score, 42c; 60 score, 41c.

Cheese—Wholesale prices: Local, 27c; triple, 27c.

Eggs—Large grade A, 45¢ to 45 1/2¢; medium grade A, 40¢ to 41¢; small grade A, 32¢ to 33¢.

Central California—Grade A, 47c; medium grade A, 45c; small grade A, 25c.

Nye Nissen—Large grade A, 47c; medium grade A, 45c; small grade A, 25c.

Wall Street

New York, Aug. 29.—(UP)—The stock market developed a firmer tone on strictly increased trading today.

Net changes among the leading shares were very narrow. Special issues and some of the preferred broke out of a fractional area and some showed gains of as much as 7 1/2 points in the case of United Drydock preferred.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American Tel. & Tel. 164

Anacosta 27

Chrysler 92 1/2

Curtis Wright 5 1/4

General Electric 38 3/4

General Motors 62 1/2

Montgomery Ward 49 3/4

Penn. R.R. 29

Phillips Petroleum 43 3/4

J. C. Penney 105

Radio 10 3/4

Southern Pacific 28 3/4

Standard Oil Cal. 36 1/2

Texas Gulf Sulphur unquoted

Transamerica 9 3/4

United Aircraft 28 3/4

U. S. Rubber 51 1/4

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