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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Pezzy

Citizens returning from the annual Labor Day trip to the woods normally full of candidates at this stage of an election year, report not a one was encountered.

Schools are getting ready to open. Statistics show this fall, "the whining schoolboy... with his shining morning face, creeping like a snail, unwillingly to school," will do about instead of the family auto of previous times.

"Ens. R. Powers is back from leave in New York and wishing it were 30 days instead of 15. Don't we all?" — (Farragut (Idaho) Navy News).—Ye muffled knock.

Miss Gladyswyse (Eliza) Robinson of the Wings, home on a furlough addressed the Unruffled Feather club Sun. Informally. She told many amusing incidents of her war experiences, including the time she reported for work in her play-suit. She graciously failed to see Grandma Sarah Wren, who insisted on calling her "Lize".

Now that the mornings are chill with early fall nippliness, buckwheat pancakes are showing up in tooth & jaw gymnastics. As of yore, the buckwheat pancake is still shy of buckwheat, and the same goes for the maple in the maple syrup, its proverbial lubricant.

In the East and Middle West, voters object and complain of the role essayed in national political affairs by Sidney Hillman, the CIO hot-shot. They figure there are already too many deputy presidents like H. Hopkins, the star boarder, skylarking around the White House, doing nothing but look important.

CIVIC PRIDE FLARES
(Del Norte (Cal.) Triplet)
"What Crescent City needs more than anything else right now is a substantial clean-up and paint-up campaign. Such is the advice of the many new residents who have come here in recent months to locate... some have even hinted a bonfire here and there—at least a wrecking crew—is about the best solution."

Hitch-hikers are once more adorning the highways. To date no Good Samaritan motorist has picked up a footsore wanderer, to be headsores.

The Balkans, chiefly Bulgaria and Turkey are pulling no wool over the eyes of Russia. The former is advised to cease using their alleged neutrality, to aid the Nazis, and the latter informed the time "for petty maneuvers of the Argentine (Good Neighbor) type is over." Moscow does not charge Argentine has pulled the wool over the eyes of Uncle Sam. They bluntly state his chin-whiskers have been pulled out by the roots.

"Kyser, bespectacled, was born thirty-eight years ago in Rocky Mountain, N. C.—(Movie Mag.)—Nice of the Stork wasn't it?"

Herr Hitler, as expected, did not unleash a speech to the sore beset Germans Sunday. However, Crooner Bing Crosby, on a European tour let fly at them, with a vocal blitz.

Oregon motorists the first seven months of this year, used 2,169,026 gallons of gasoline, more than in the same period last year, the secretary of state reports. This is more cruel and inhuman treatment of a shortage that does not exist.

CIVILIAN PLANES DUE
Washington, Sept. 5—(U.P.)—The American public, anxiously awaiting the day when new family autos are again available, may find airplanes for civilian use rolling off production lines as soon as... than new cars.

The "Patriotic S. P.!"

Just as a side-light upon the Southern Pacific's continual boast of self-sacrificing patriotism, in this war,—

Let it be noted that only two railroads in the United States refused the request of the United States government to facilitate war ship-building on the Pacific coast by reducing freight rates on steel,—the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe.

The government made this request because it maintains the freight rates of the S. P. from the federal plant at Geneva, Utah, to the coast are "higher than for any other steel-producing point in the country, and if continued no Utah steel industry will be able to operate in the post-war period."

BUT did the S. P. accede to this request, so that not only war industry but post-war industry in the Rocky Mountain area might be helped?

Not for a minute!

The S. P., as usual, considered only one thing; the almighty dollar!

Its rate of \$10 per ton,—twice the average rate for steel shipments for a similar haul elsewhere,—was insisted upon and that is the rate the S. P. pulls down now, as it "sacrifices everything for the war effort."

Hooley and phooley!

The Southern Pacific has never sacrificed ANYTHING, in time of war or at any other time, for the public welfare or for the country's welfare, and as long as its present management continues, it never will.

AND now we have the President of the Southern Pacific weeping and wailing because the United States government through its legal department is bringing action against the Southern Pacific (and some other western railroads) to COMPEL them to give the country in time of war, and the industry of the west in time of peace a square deal, so this portion of the country can have (we quote) "an equal opportunity to compete with the rest of the country."

And there is no doubt of the S. P. officials' sincerity in this direction. He actually believes the government is criminally wrong to intimate the S. P. isn't 100% right or he wouldn't hold the job he does.

In the S. P.'s bright lexicon of business ethics, the first commandment is to charge all the traffic will bear and let nothing, not even the government of the United States in time of war, interfere with profits!

Will the War End Sept. 13?

If history repeats itself,—it seldom does,—the war in Europe will end on the 13th of this month.

We are indebted to the New Yorker for data to support this prediction.

The New Yorker points out that in World War No. I, the German generals were finally convinced they had lost the war on August 18th, 1918. Said Gen. Ludendorff in his memoirs:—

"That day was the black day of the German army... It put the decline of our fighting power beyond all doubt... The war must be ended."

Not until three months and three days later, on November 11th, 1918, was the armistice signed. And as the New Yorker notes with some irony:

"One bitter fact about the last war is that it took three months and three days to get it stopped after the German generals knew they were defeated, and another is that over 90% of the total American casualties of 243,897 came in that period."

SO if history should repeat itself, the present war should end on or about September 13th, for that date is three months and three days after the time the present German generals undoubtedly realized they were beaten.

For on June 10th, according to latest reports, the German general staff admitted the allied invasion was a success, that nothing they could do could throw it back or stop it.

HOWEVER, this is not a tip for members of the False Friends club, and no one is advised to put up any hard cash on any such eventuality.

For we believe the record will show that as far as wars are concerned, not once in a thousand times does history repeat itself.

Which Is It?

A northern California contemporary asks:

"Is this a disorganized German rout in northern France or a strategic retreat?"

A very pertinent question as far as the end of the war is concerned, but from this distance rather difficult to answer.

Our guess is,—it is more of a rout than a retreat but even more accurately is a strange, confused mixture of both.

THERE is little doubt that around the time of the second allied landing in France, the German High Command decided the jig was up,—the only hope of avoiding COMPLETE and immediate disaster was to order a general retreat and beat it as fast as possible for the fatherland and the Siegfried line.

From that standpoint, the present hare-and-hound chase might be termed a strategic retreat,—similar to the German retreat ordered after the fall of Rome.

But thanks to the vigor and speed of the allied pursuit, the cost of this retreat has been far in excess of the Italian cost, and has nothing approaching the relative good order of the latter retirement.

However, it is probably true that allies are not so much driving the Germans out of France, as the Germans are trying desperately to get out and save enough to continue some sort of resistance.

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BELGIANS OUTDO PARIS IN ACCLAIM FOR LIBERATORS

Fleeing Huns Set Fires In Brussels — Secret Army Aids Allies.

By Richard D. McMillan
UP War Correspondent

Brussels, Sept. 5—(U.P.)—The Belgians, confident for months that their liberation was near, prepared a celebration that outdid Paris in its welcome to the liberators.

Before the last Germans fled the city, allied flags hidden four years were flying all through the capital. Welcoming banners, on which patriots had been working for months, were stretched across the streets and the women donned dresses of the black, yellow and red national colors.

As the British swept into the capital, the cheers of the joyous inhabitants drowned out the shots being exchanged by the liberators and isolated pockets of Germans in various parts of the city.

The liberation was a one-day miracle of the war. British armored forces crossed the Belgian border at dawn, swept 70 miles across Flanders and by night had entered Brussels.

As we reached Brussels, the skyline was ablaze. German rear guards had set fire to gaspots headquarters and the palace of justice to destroy documents and had blown up the telephone exchange and the radio station.

Huge welcoming bonfires roared in the center of the city. Crowds besieged the tanks and women and girls rushed up to embrace "les Tommies." But the armor had to forge on too quickly for many embraces.

There was one battle just before the Germans quit at 6 p. m. The cheering crowds delayed British tanks which had been ordered to the scene of resistance, but they finally got through the friendly cordons to smash the last remaining Nazis.

Wherever the tanks stopped crowds decorated them with flowers and allied flags. From the time the British rolled across the border, they were aided by Belgian forces of the interior. Men of the "secret army" rose up at every town and village and did the mopping up work for the troops.

In some places they had swung into position before German units, taking them prisoners and handing them over to the British.

The Germans did not have time to destroy bridges but left obstructions in the roads. The Belgians cleared these ahead of the fast-moving British armor.

ALLIES MOVE TO CHINDWIN REGION

Kandy, Ceylon, Sept. 5—(U.P.) Allied troops moved into Sit-taung on the Chindwin river in northwest Burma yesterday without opposition and found many dead Japanese and much abandoned equipment, a communique announced today.

Thirty miles upstream, patrols reached Thauung and found it also clear of the enemy.

In the Chin hills west and south, troops of the 5th Indian division cleared out pockets of resistance on the Tiddim road and advanced 10 miles.

RAF and IAF fighters of the Eastern Air Command flew through unfavorable weather to attack enemy concentrations and positions.

Boy Scout News
Troop Eight

By Roy Pyle, Asst. Scribe

Tonight members of Troop Eight will meet with the Board of Review, as a number of boys are ready to pass their second and first classes and to receive merit badges at the next district Court of Honor. The meeting will be at the Episcopal parish hall as usual.

Last Tuesday evening the troop worked on signaling, with Vic Kinsla instructing. Tenderfoot Keith Bates was admitted to the troop by transfer. There was a good attendance. Two weeks ago Mr. Merriman of Copco attended the meeting and passed several boys on their first aid test for first class.

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Olive Barber's Observations

According to the last word reaching us, the 22-year-old lieutenant has just completed his ninth bombing mission over Europe. The citation accompanying the award read in part, "The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself..."

"I've known this lad all his life and for a time he lived with us. Even at the age of six, he had courage aplenty and his skill at getting into trouble often left me a shattered woman by night-fall. His coolness, however, is something he has acquired of late years. He certainly wasn't late the time he crawled under the bed when in the first grade and declared his resolve to pursue the paths of learning no longer."

When reconverted to the idea of getting an education, he was as intemperate in his efforts to learn as before he had been not to. At the time a contest was being conducted in his room, those not so good being classed as butterflies, those very good as fairies. There was nothing cool in his attempt to get out of the butterfly class into the fairies.

That fall I was teaching beginners in a distant town. After a day's struggle with the butterfly brains of my own primaries, I was in no mood to come home at night and start all over again with another six-year-old who aspired to become a fairy. But this I had to do and when this end was finally accomplished, then indeed was the potential lieutenant least cool of all. He capered and made loud and varied sounds of unexpressed glee. He played tricks on all of us and for at least a week thereafter was completely out of hand.

Social in the extreme, he would invite a flock of his contemporaries in after school. By the time I arrived home the place was a shambles and the cupboard bare. Once they ate a whole box of apples the groceryman had delivered during the day. Mothers all over the neighborhood exclaimed over their children's lethargy toward supper that night.

Well, the wings he wears now are silver and the fruit he deals out is not apples to friends, but bombs to enemies. If he hides, it is not under a bed, but under a blanket of clouds. May God keep him safe and bring him back to us!

LABOR SHORTAGE LOOMS IN SOUTH

Los Angeles, Sept. 5—(U.P.)—Despite a manpower shortage in this area, out-of-state workers are returning home at a rate estimated between 6,000 and 12,000 a month, Louis M. Dreyfus, head of the War Production Board here, said today.

"This area," he said, "will be a critical labor shortage zone for a long, long time and there will continue to be good jobs for applicants to select from."

Workers returning east are getting into areas where labor is more plentiful, he said, and competition for jobs is strong.

MILES TO BERLIN

The shortest distances to Berlin from Allied lines today:

Western Front—370 miles (from point east of Antwerp. Gain of 80 miles in week.)

Southern France—340 miles (from point near Macon. Gain of 43 miles in week.)

Italy—555 miles (from point near Rimini. Gain of 28 miles in week.)

Russia—328 miles (from point east of Warsaw. Unchanged for week.)

FILIPINO UNITY NEEDED

Washington, Sept. 5—(U.P.)—Unification of the Filipino people behind a program of democratic ideals and cooperation with the United States will be the first major task of the Philippine commonwealth government after the Japanese invaders have been driven from the islands, President Commissioner Col. Carlos P. Romula declared today.

'SUBTERFUGE' LAID TO ROOSEVELT IN BREMERTON TALK

Washington, Sept. 5—(U.P.)—Rep. Raymond S. Springer, R., Ind., charged today that President Roosevelt was using "cunning phrases and disgusting subterfuge" in an effort to blame congress for the government's failure to fortify Guam.

He said in a speech prepared for delivery in the House that Mr. Roosevelt, by declaring in his Bremerton, Wash., report that "we were not permitted to fortify the island of Guam," made it appear that congress "had failed to do what was necessary."

Springer said that congress never had been asked to consider legislation to fortify Guam, which American forces took back from Japan last month, but was asked only to appropriate \$5,000,000 for "cleaning out and dredging" the island's harbor. The appropriation was denied.

"If the President wanted to fortify Guam, or if he gave that matter and consideration, why didn't he ask for it," Springer said. "During the prewar period he had a great majority in the House and could have obtained an appropriation for that purpose without doubt."

The President's Bremerton statement was "merely a cunning method of attempting to play politics with the American people," he said, adding that "all the adroit statements made and the misleading assertions uttered... are confusing, entirely misleading, and purely disgusting."

CHURCHES TO AID SEPTEMBER DRIVE FOR OLD CLOTHES

Washington, Sept. 5—(U.P.)—A campaign to collect at least 15,000,000 pounds of used clothing for the people of liberated areas of Europe will be carried on with the aid of churches and synagogues throughout the nation during the week of Sept. 24.

It will be conducted in cooperation with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration, which will handle shipment and distribution of the clothing in Europe.

UNRRA Director General Herbert L. Lehman said Catholic, Jewish and Protestant leaders had responded wholeheartedly to his plea for the collection.

He said substantial clothing, new and used, for both summer and winter wear was needed. Most important types are infants' garments, men's and boys' overcoats, topcoats, suits, shirts, and all types of work clothes, women's and girls' outer and underwear, and bedding.

Giovanni Verrazano, sailing under the French flag, discovered New York in 1524.

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JOBS PROMISE IS TRUMAN'S PLEDGE IN DETROIT TALK

Detroit, Sept. 5—(U.P.)—A Labor Day series of speeches by Democratic Vice-Presidential Candidate Sen. Harry S. Truman brought assurances to Michigan voters that his party would "not be resigned to huge unemployment after the war" as the senator prepared today to continue his fourth-term campaign for Roosevelt.

Wary from two labor rallies here, a third at Pontiac and a press conference and reception, Truman returned to Washington where he will survey plans for more public appearances in behalf of the president. He addressed a group of American Federation of Labor leaders following a Congress of Industrial Organization rally in Detroit last night. The two major addresses came on the heels of a brief appearance before combined labor groups at Pontiac, and a press conference and reception at Detroit's Book-Cadillac hotel.

The Missouri senator stressed at all his appearances that if President Roosevelt is re-elected the nation's armament plants will be converted to postwar peacetime goods production, but that if he is defeated they probably will be junked.

"We can raise our own standards ever higher and bring to American industry and labor the greatest era of prosperity in our history," he said, adding that "all the adroit statements made and the misleading assertions uttered... are confusing, entirely misleading, and purely disgusting."

GERMANS SUFFER HEAVILY AT MONS

Mons, Belgium, Sept. 4—(U.P.)—The American 1st army decimated at least two German divisions in taking Mons.

Ten thousand prisoners, including one major general and two brigadier generals, already were in the bag and thousands were coming in with indications that the total of captured would pass 20,000.

One infantry battalion, outnumbered 10 to 1 in the fighting south of the city before the occupation, took 5,000 prisoners, including crack paratroops, SS men, and panzerites well equipped with tanks, armored cars, and dual purpose guns.

Hollywood, Sept. 5—(U.P.)—Film Actor Alan Ladd's scheduled second induction into the army has been stayed by national selective service headquarters, army officials disclosed today.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
September 5, 1934
(It was Wednesday)
Forest fire in Applegate burns over 5000 acres before brought

under control. Absence of wind is boon.

Harvesting of big tomato crop of valley gets underway.

Socialist revolution in Germany ends with all hopes realized, declares Dictator Adolf Hitler.

Many evasions of state truck law claimed for this section.

California coast raked by tidal wave. Damage heavy.

Fair. High 95, low 55 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
September 5, 1924
(It was Friday)
American women missionaries prove heroines in Chinese civil war.

Premier MacDonald of England, at opening session of League of Nations, makes strong plea for peace, support of the League, and inclusion of Germany in it.

Fair. High 82, low 50 degrees.

Madras, Ore., nearly wiped out by fire.

Pear shipments to date total 756 cars.

Leon Offenbacher, fire guard, seriously burned when flaming tree falls on him on Red Mountain. He crawled three miles to the Yellowjacket lookout station.

August was the wettest of any August in local records, as .97 of an inch of rain fell.

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