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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A member of the metropolitan Press, taking a brave stand on the burning deck of politics, finds itself with its own right foot firmly planted on its editorial neck.

Herr Hitler has taken direct command of the Nazi armies in the West. Therein Herr Hitler is smart. It is better to be captured by the gentler of one's enemies than the realistic Russians, or a mob of mad countrymen.

The House voted down a New Deal plan for the government to pay the railroad fare of migratory defense workers back home, or to new jobs. The migrants received Klondike wages for their war efforts. By cutting out a few week-end splurges they could have paid their own way back home in time to vote.

As in all presidential campaigns, when the pot begins to sizzle the public is advised by molders of opinion to use their sense of humor, and remember their blood pressure. Now is the time for all good citizens to give their funny-bones a chance.

The Chinese pheasants are reported quite impudent in the rural meadows, gay with the first tints and hints of autumn. The dudes of the feathered set fly in front of the pedestrian at the right distance to land on a gun barrel, if the pedestrian had a gun.

The state high school football situation has started to ferment. A number of noon luncheons have already eaten their way to the first victory over a traditional foe.

PEEP INTO THE FUTURE

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

"The amount of surplus war properties disposed of in the three months ended August 15 totaled \$38,000,000, according to an announcement by the Surplus War Property Administrator, W. L. Clayton. At this rate, disposal of the estimated total war surplus of 1054 billions would be accomplished in 673 years. And by that time it is likely a lot of us would have outgrown Army shoes."

The Germans now welcome the Allies as a way to end Nazism, press dispatches say. They should have thought of this sooner. Turning state's evidence at this late date will not be enough to cause the United Nations to forget their frenzied cheers when Adolf ran hog-wild over little lands, and all the Quislings were in clover. Finland has just accepted the hardest armistice terms ever imposed. They are a tender sample of what Germany will receive.

PIONEER TEAR TWISTER

"Charley Frank's brindle bull pup is no more; he ran up against the inevitable and both his life and body were curtailed. About 7:30 this morning a freight pulled in from the west, and as it passed Frank's place the pup found himself on the opposite side of the street from his master's house. As the train rattled by the pup got rattled too, and suddenly concluded he was needed at home. With a wild rush he leaped on the track between the wheels of a freight car, but before he could leap off again the wheels had come between him and liberty. He turned and dashed down the track along with the train, outrunning it. As he gained on the swiftly flying wheels and saw daylight alongside, he tried to head the wheel off, but the wheel played the same game. The wheel won."—(50 Yrs. Ago Co. The Diales Chronicle.)

Ninety-six per cent of the available 2,009,000 cubic feet of freezer space for food in Kansas is now occupied.

Enforce the Law

One of these days some visitor from the great state of California will try to walk across the street at the corner of Main and Bartlett and end up in the nearest hospital or the morgue. The ubiquitous "main stem" speeder will have got him.

Then there will be a great hue and cry about WHY there is no effort to enforce the "pedestrian law" in Medford—or in any other section of the state for that matter.

But that won't help the unfortunate victim from California, nor the city if a damage suit follows.

It will be only another sad example of closing the barn door after the horse has escaped.

Why not close the door BEFORE the tragedy happens rather than after? It is certainly up to the municipal authorities to do so!

WE have made a visiting Californian the unfortunate casualty for down there they do enforce the pedestrian law—this is particularly true in Southern California.

And any visitor from that state would naturally assume the same observance of the law would be made north of the Siskiyou.

But it isn't. Here is the law:

Pedestrians must be given the right of way at street intersections. Any person walking across a street in a cross walk, whether such crosswalk is marked or not, has the right of way over motor vehicles. A crosswalk is that area ordinarily represented by the imaginary extensions of sidewalks across the streets at intersections.

This provision of the Oregon Motor Manual, is not only NOT observed but there is an increasing disposition in this community, particularly among the juvenile dare devils, to try to come as near the cross walk pedestrian without taking off a leg as possible. (In fact we have a suspicion this is accepted in certain quarters as one of the up and coming outdoor sports.)

The law gives the pedestrian the right of way. Common sense and common courtesy upholds such a practice. Those motorists who lack the latter qualities should be made to feel the force of the former—and with a good stiff fine behind it.

What a Farce

If reports from Dumbarton Oaks are correct, the framers of the new "League of Nations" have abandoned any idea of outlawing war, much less adopting any anti-war provisions with teeth in them.

Only a post-war alliance of the Big Four—England, Russia, the United States and China—is now proposed, with a pledge that none shall use force outside of their own borders without "CONSULTATION" with the others.

What a farce!

WITH the aggressor nations Germany and Japan out of the picture, and the world exhausted from the most terrible war in history, such a League, of course, would have no war problems, for a decade at least.

The alliance, in other words, would undoubtedly work during that time as practically all peace alliances in the past have worked, during a period of war exhaustion.

But how about it when the world recovers and a new generation arises? Here is what the delegates at Dumbarton Oaks say about that contingency—we quote:

"1 The success of any new league is dependent for some decades on the continued cooperation of the Big Four.

"2 If the Big Four fall apart the New League will fall apart.

"3 If one of the Big Four decides to embark on world aggression there will be another war.

"4 If the question of stopping aggression by one of the Big Four arises there therefore will be no question about a war declaration by congress to say nothing of the necessary appropriations."

Which is only another way of saying we are right back where we started from!

If a member of this League only needs to "consult" with the others when it wishes to declare war on some other country—or take over some other country without war—

And if there is no international "police force" provided to prevent any other nation or group of nations from declaring war—or attacking without a declaration—how in the name of common sense can this new League be any more effective than the old one?

As we see it there is only one virtue in a world peace organization of this type: It can't fail because it admits at the start it can't do anything!

Absurd

Less than 50 years ago, Great Britain and France were close to war—certain controls in Egypt were at issue.

A few years later, the United States and Spain were at war—Cuba was the issue.

Less than 25 years ago—believe it or not!—England and the United States were fighting Soviet Russia.

SO what?

Just this—as far as international interests and issues are concerned there is nothing more UNCERTAIN than the future.

All history proves the devoted allies of today may be the bitter enemies of tomorrow.

Then, with this knowledge we have of the past, how CAN any world peace league be worth the paper it is written on, when its success is based entirely upon the assumption the allies and national interests of today will not only be the allies and national interests of tomorrow but remain so!

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 21—Our driving eager army is due in Berlin before the Russians. Not only is the distance shorter, but the more rapidly deteriorating Nazi power facing us has been more hastily put together from the rout in France.



Paul Mallon

Churchill aired what is the prevailing majority impression among official authorities here when he said he did not expect Hitler to surrender, but to flee to the hills with the last bands he can muster and hold there as long as possible.

No doubt this is what Hitler intends. His tactics betray that purpose. But what he intends and what may happen can be different. Indeed, there is every prospect that at this writing moment of another uprising in Germany, a new and more successful army revolution.

DER furious fuhrer killed most of the more intelligent army officers who might act up on their knowledge of the wholly lost Nazi cause in the purge before invasion. He tried to elevate the fanatics, like himself. But daily the situation is obviously getting more and more difficult for him to control. Officers and men will carry mass suicide just so far.

The weakness of the fighting defense in our front betrays these symptoms of the final decay of Wilhelmstrasse power. True enough, the importance of our Siegfried line may have been exaggerated. The real military question is not the collapse of that line, but of resistance, and at Aachen, for instance, it was strong. Where we did break through the line and proceed some miles beyond the fortifications we still encountered many natural strong points which the fanatics could defend.

Guessing date for our arrival in Berlin or later at Berchtesgarden was delayed, therefore, by our more competent military judges until we probed beyond our Siegfried penetrations.

THE same symptoms of moral decay are becoming increasingly evident among the Japanese, a growing condition which inspired Gen. MacArthur's extraordinarily optimistic statement a few days back.

The fanaticism of Japan has been built on the religious power of the Samurai. Formerly the army officer was a god, and now he might as well be. But in order to maintain their positions as gods, the military class of Japan must feed the people victories.

A look at the new map in the south Pacific, or the news of our victories which cannot be entirely suppressed or distorted before the Japanese people may have raised the question at home as to whether a change of duties might not be beneficial.

At home it is not as important as the news of our tactics and successes which the Jap troops pass among each other and their knowledge of the great masses of superior planes which we have been able to put over their heads.

This situation must be making an impression and have resulted in some of the Washington authorities suspecting the core of Japan will be found as tender as the Nazi core in France. We cannot know until we reach it.

Certainly our conception of Nazi power in France before this invasion was an exaggerated acceptance of their propaganda, or considerably influenced by it.

Yesterday this column dealt with the strategy involved in conquering that whole hemisphere and the prospects that it might take a year. To that should be added the possibility that that strong imaginative attack could well bring the suspected internal morale condition to the surface sooner.

New Deal Money Finds Way Into Republican Fund

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—New deal money has found its way into Idaho Republican coffers.

S. L. Thorpe, state Republican chairman, today made public a letter received from Harold L. Lucke of Gooding. It reads:

"Enclosed find sight draft in my favor in amount of \$9.10, being amount of milk subsidy gift from the Democrat administration."

"I have never before drawn on the milk subsidy or any of the money to which I was entitled under the Triple A program, but from now on, I intend to endorse them over to the Republican party to be used as a boomerang on the Democrats. Make good use of it."

Staubbach falls in Switzerland are 980 feet high.

Overture With Bon Bons



Liberty and American candy came to southern France with invading Allied Armies. Here, in a scene repeated hundreds of times, a Yank pauses to give bon bons to a bashful French child as other members of family look on. Photo by Sherman Montrose. NEA-Acme staff photographer for War Picture Pool, transmitted from Italy by Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

82,900 LBS. IN PAPER CARLOAD, SALVAGE REPORT

First carload of paper shipped from the last salvage paper drive totaled 82,900 pounds, according to Wayne Jamison, salvage chairman. The paper was collected at the old Chamber of Commerce building on Main street and loaded by a crew of volunteers last Sunday.

Of the 41 tons of scrap paper, 20 tons was collected by two Boy Scout troops. Troop One collected 20,864 pounds and Troop Five collected 20,745 pounds, Mr. Jamison stated.

Funds received will be allocated to the troops on the basis of each troop's collections and the remainder will be turned over to some charity or worthy civic enterprise in Medford, Mr. Jamison stated.

Mr. Jamison repeated his request that no more paper be taken to the old Chamber of Commerce building but urged citizens to continue to save paper at home for a future collection. Considerable paper remains at the building and will be baled and loaded in the near future.

3 GRASS FIRES CALL APPARATUS

Three grass fires occurred in Medford yesterday, one caused by trash left burning at night, another by a young boy playing with matches. Origin of the third is unknown. Fire Chief Roy Elliott urged again today that residents extinguish all trash fires before nightfall.

The first fire was located on Ashland avenue about 2 p.m. and followed shortly by another at the corner of East Jackson and Oregon Terrace at 2:08 p. m. A small boy playing with matches was thought responsible for this fire.

Last night burning trash caused a fire at North Riverside near McAndrews about 8:04 p. m.

City Meat Market Will Open Friday

The City Meat Market, 121 North Central, will open Friday under the new management of Othar C. Richey and Paul H. Hartsook. It was announced today by the two new owners. A complete line of federal inspected meats, both A and AA grades, will be featured.

Both Richey and Hartsook are well known in this community and have been connected with the meat business locally for years. The City Market has been completely redecorated and new meat cases and equipment installed.

Reports—Alvin Edward Reinking of Jacksonville left last night for Portland to report for duty in the ship repair unit of the U. S. navy. He enlisted last march. His wife and six-year-old son will remain in Jacksonville.

NOVELIST RECOVERING

Hollywood, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—Novelist Lloyd C. Douglas was reported today by attendants at the Good Samaritan hospital where he has been confined with pneumonia since last Saturday.

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CLEMENT J. HAAS KILLED IN ACTION ON FRENCH FRONT

Mrs. Helen T. Haas of 1234 Court street was notified by the adjutant general yesterday that her son, Pfc. Clement J. Haas, was killed in action in France on Sept. 9, while fighting with an infantry division. The youth would have been 20 years old on Sept. 16.

The death of Pfc. Haas came less than a week after he had landed in France, and his mother had a letter from him dated Sept. 3 in which he said he had just arrived there.

Pfc. Haas, who received his schooling here and in Ashland, entered the service about a year ago. He received his training at Camp Haan, Calif., and Camp Carson, Colo. He was in Medford in July, leaving on the 15th for Camp Carson after completion of his furlough.

His father is C. J. Haas of Phoenix.

Magazine Making Topic of Speaker At Lions Meeting

Hunter Van Sicken public relations representative for Time, Life and Fortune magazines, discussed workings of the three publications at the Kiwanis luncheon meeting Wednesday noon at the Hotel Hoiland Blue room. Six members of the Lions club were guests.

Van Sicken related interesting accounts of how the army and navy are relying on photographs taken by the magazines in instruction of trainees. Life and Time are also reproduced in "pony editions" for use overseas.

President Ernest Koford extended appreciation to the Lions club for their active sponsorship of the community swimming pool. Representing the Lions club were George Goodman, Elmo Atterbury, Roy Elliott, Noble Vincent, Larry Neeley and George Buchanan.

Carnival To Stay Three More Days

The West Victory Carnival, here under the auspices of the Disabled American Veterans, has been held over for three more days—Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, it was announced today. The carnival is located at Riverside and Central avenues.

Among the thrilling rides featured are the Scooter, Hi-De-Do, Tilt-A-Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Sky Ride, Octopus, Ferris Wheel and Rollo Plane.

SPUD WAGES SET

Washington, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—The war food administration today placed a ceiling on the wages paid to farm workers engaged in the potato harvest in Crook and Deschutes counties, Ore. Under the order workers may receive not more than six cents per half sack of 60 pounds for picking and \$1 per hour for all other potato harvest.

Waterfalls of Maradaisfoss in Norway are 650 feet in height.

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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY September 21, 1934 (It was Friday)

Typhoon rakes Japan, killing thousands and inflicting high property damages.

Others than Richard Hauptmann involved in Lindbergh kidnaping, police think.

Cloudy and unsettled. High 90, low 46 degrees.

The second annual Gold Hill fair feeds 700 at noon and is great success.

Black Tornado to play first game with Roseburg October 6.

Return of beer brings prosperity to Applegate hopyards.

Snow predicted for coming week in high Cascades.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY September 21, 1914 (It was Sunday)

World girdling airmen land on Pacific coast.

State fair is opened at Salem with record crowd.

Local orchestra is hit by train near Roseburg, but nobody hurt.

Third party is condemned as a wet one in address Dr. Clarence True Wilson, in address at armory to Methodist state conference.

Secretary of Treasury Mellon plans to wipe out national debt of 21 billion dollars in next 25 years.

Unsettled with probable rain. High 60, low 30 degrees.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY September 21, 1910 (It was Wednesday)

President Taft flays "pork barrel" appropriations. Sen. LaFollette of Wisconsin declares Cong Hawley "misrepresents Oregon" and is "servant of system."

Editorial declares latest fish bill "is enemy to Rogue."

Buffalo Bill's wild west show here Saturday.

State railroad commission orders cut in Medford freight rates.

7 MEDFORD GIRLS PLEDGED AT U OF O

University of Oregon, Eugene, Sept. 21—Seven Medford girls are among the 234 new sorority pledges announced here Wednesday morning when rushing ended. Topping all others, Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Gamma sororities led numerically with 22 girls each.

Medford girls are Paula Blanton, Alpha Delta Pi; Mary Elizabeth Mack, Alpha Delta Pi; Dolores Ray, Alpha Delta Pi; Betty Jean McKenzie, Gamma Phi Beta; Joan Elliott, Kappa Alpha Theta; Phyllis Field and Virginia Hammond, both Pi Beta Phi.

Betty Whittle, Ashland, was announced as a pledge of Alpha Gamma Delta.

Golf Ball Relief Promised By WPB

Washington, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—The war production board, with the tacit consent of the army, has allocated several tons of synthetic rubber for experiments to determine whether it can be used in making new golf balls, it was learned today.

Several sources, including a high WPB official, predicted that industrial chemists would develop an adequate substitute for natural crude rubber in time to get new balls on the market next spring.

WEATHER

Northern California—Partly cloudy today, tonight and Friday with widely scattered light showers in the interior valleys and over the Sierra Nevada mountains. Little temperature change.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Keeping American Homes Intact

We're great home lovers in our town. Family folk—like most Americans. So when war came, and the boys left in uniform, and the girls went into war plants, folks began to shake their heads.

Take Ben Ryder's family, for instance—all doing something different. Young Ben's in the Navy, and his sister's in the airplane plant. Ben's foreman at the tool shop, and Ma spends her days at the Canteen.

A broken home? Don't you believe it! When Ben relaxes with his evening glass of beer, and

Joe Marsh

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5 ARMY OFFICERS KILLED IN CRASH IN REDMOND AREA

Portland, Ore., Sept. 21—(U.P.)—Five army officers were killed and one enlisted man suffered a broken ankle and severe shock when a two-engined C-45 army transport plane carrying Col. Earl L. Nalden, commanding officer of the 317th wing of the Fourth Air Force crashed in the vicinity of Redmond, Ore., Wednesday.

The dead included Col. Nalden, of Monroe, La.; Lt. Col. Ernest C. Young, Stillwater, Okla.; Lt. Col. William T. Moody, Glenview, N. C.; Major Frederick A. Zamboni, of Wallace, Ida., and Chief Warrant Officer Clair K. Benser, of San Bernardino, Cal. Injured when he was catapulted through the side of the plane was Sgt. James F. Barton, crew chief of the plane, of Winston Salem, N. C. Sgt. Barton is reported in good condition.

Warning! Head Colds

Head colds can cause much suffering. Don't suffer needlessly. Just put a little Vapo-Tro-Nol up each nostril. Relieves sneezing, stuffy discharges. Also helps prevent many colds from developing if used in time! Try it. Follow directions in folder. Works fine!

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