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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Peery
Some light on the cigarette famine is cast by the word, 400,000,000 pounds of the tobacco type, used in fags, will go to Britain for their cigarette needs, leaving but two-thirds of the crop for American needs.

The alleged hardness of the Kentucky mountaineers, famed in song and story, for their unadorned ruggedness, under all conditions, has started to bust at the seams. Press dispatches state one group are "skered" of wildcats, that menace their kids on the way to school.

LADY FINANCIER (Pollock News)
"A young and attractive widow, having just buried her husband, stopped in at the insurance company's office to pick up a check for \$50,000. After endorsing it, she turned to the manager and said: 'Believe it or not, I'd give \$20,000 of this to have him back.'

Germany now wails a peace "that will not leave them a ruined nation." The little countries Germany so ruthlessly invaded, wanted an invasion that would not leave them ruined, further aggravated by the Germans packing home as loot, what they did not destroy. The famous bull in the China shop did not want to be hamburger.

There is fear and trembling among the local squeamish, over the outcome of the state football title tilt between the Black Tornado and La Grande at Portland Saturday. La Grande is the eastern Oregon "wonder team." The B. Tornado has tangled with eastern Oregon "wonder teams" in the past and in their own backyards. One such was Milton-Freewater and the other The Dalles. Both, to hear the press agent tell it, made Gibraltar look like an anthill. Each had ace halfbacks, who were one-man teams condensed into one pair of football pants and were wonder teams no end, plus. Both were squelched by lopsided scores. The massacres occurred in the late '20s, and history often repeats itself.

"Wanted—High school girl for sandwiches. Phone 6654." (Wanted Ad Exchange)—O! My gracious!

Gen. Yamashita, the army hot-shot of Japan, besides being no slouch of a barbarian, is a window rattling snorer, reports say.

A super-highway between Boston, Mass., and Salem, Ore., is advanced in congress as a postwar project. The route proposed would be as crooked as the average Boston street, but in case of another battle of Bunker Hill, the Paul Revere of Marion county could get there in time for the victory feast.

One of the fair sex has returned from the south, with a \$33 hair-do, and no socks to hide artistically arranged goose-pimples, due to the frigid air, on her shanks.

"Plow Out the Furrow"
The Sixth War Loan drive is something more than just a money-raising affair. We cannot all fight the enemy face to face. We cannot all produce the weapons and raw materials so vital to our armed forces. But there is one front on which all of us—every man, woman, and child—can serve, and serve for the duration. We can all practice self-denial. We can all sacrifice some of our comforts to the needs of the men in service, and, yes, even some of our needs to their comforts.

THE war in this present month of November alone will cost us seven and one-half billions of dollars. That is two hundred and fifty millions a day. That is why every War Bond you buy is so important. The war is not over—no, not by many a costly battle. While we have every reason to be proud of what has been done—even optimistic about the ultimate outcome—we have no reason to be complacent about the tough road which still lies ahead. We have just been through a wartime election, demonstrating to the people of the world the deep roots of our democratic faith. The Sixth War Loan, I am confident, will be a further example of democracy in action in a world at war.

THERE is an old saying about sticking to the plow until you have reached the end of the furrow. Every rule of common sense and patriotic thought makes that maxim applicable to our conduct in this war. In the name of our wounded and sick, in the name of our dead, and in the name of future generations of Americans, I ask you to plow out this furrow to a successful and victorious end.

THE above may, or may not, sound familiar depending upon the number of our readers who recall President Roosevelt's speech opening the present War Loan drive. But that is it. And we are glad to reprint it, at the request of the local war drive committee, for it puts the urgency of all subscribing to this war loan at this time and to the limit of their resources, in a few words, and very effectively. So if you haven't taken a hold on the handle of this plow now is the time to do so—let us ALL join now in plowing out this furrow to a successful and victorious end!

There Are Compensations
The British White Paper, enumerating for the first time British losses in this war, brings into sharp relief the activity of Emerson's law of compensation. For example: 4,500,000 of England's 13,000,000 homes have been damaged by enemy action and over 200,000 entirely destroyed. There have been over 57,000 civilians killed, including over 23,000 women and 7,250 children!

NOW try to imagine what the state of mind in this country would be if we had suffered as England has suffered! Instead of that there has not been a single civilian loss—over here—not a home bombed, no damage whatever from war action as far as this tremendous country is concerned. "We the people" here at home have been living throughout the war, in perfect peace and security; and we promise to continue to live that way until the war is over. As has often been remarked in this column, if we got down on our marrow-bones and rendered thanks from now until the wars end, we could not exaggerate the good fortune that has been ours.

BUT how about the compensations, for what England has suffered? Knowing what this war means from day to day, being in the thick of it from the start, there have BEEN NO STRIKES IN ENGLAND. There have been practically no conscientious objectors, professional pacifists, or deliberate evaders of the draft. Nor have elaborate highly publicized drives for funds been necessary over there—the people have given their all from the start and without request or complaint.

THIS country too has done a good job, and everyone has a right to be proud of it. But the point is we COULD have done a better one. And the present shortage of ammunition on the western front, which General Eisenhower stresses so frequently, proves it. Yes literally thousands of man work hours have been lost in vital war industries by walkouts and strikes—our war production has been tremendous but the fact remains, it could have been greater, if the people—all the people—of this country had done this war job as well as the people of England have.

IT was a terrible price to pay—one can only be profoundly thankful this country has not been called upon to pay it. But HAD we been in the thick of the war, had we been forced to meet the horrors of war every day as England has had to do, well—General Eisenhower would not have had to plead for more ammunition to give to our soldiers on the western front. THAT is certain!

TWINS BEAT AUTO
Buffalo, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—Our Lady of Victory hospital authorities reported today that twin boys were born to Mrs. Geraldine Homokay of Silver Creek, N. Y., wife of an army physician, while she was being rushed to the hospital in an automobile.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon



Washington, Nov. 29—Underneath, the world air conference at Chicago was not as black and blurry as it appeared in print. As it stood out in type, first they had a good agreement, then they did not have it. Once State Assistant Secretary Adolph Berle was hailed as having won a great victory for something called "freedom of air," only to find himself a few days later buried under some tons of bristling words as having lost his cause. The British initially were nice co-operators, because Russia had refused to enter the hall (after having chosen, and actually sent delegates to Chicago). But before the end the British were accused of having caused the disagreement on major points by her firmness of attitude, etc., etc.

TODAY this country has 80 per cent of the world air business. The British want some of it, in fact, they seem to want exactly half of it. Secretly they have prepared four or five very large transport planes. These are yet in an experimental stage, but big things are expected of them in the way of improving paying loads and otherwise making British aviation commercially equal with us. The straight question at Chicago was not any of those you heard from the lips of the participants but just this one: How are you going to get an agreement for division of world air commerce between Britain and the United States? The answer was also supplied there in the practically negative results.

TO delve deeper into the forces at play backstage, American Airlines were rather strongly behind the Berle position of freedom of air, while Pan-American was against it. American Airlines has pending before the government an application whereby it may get into the foreign field against Pan-Am through American export lines (decision is still being held up). American's ambition is to become the central feeder from all sections of this country for transoceanic traffic, and anything which will upset Pan-Am's exclusive hold on our foreign business is agreeable to her.

IF I may make a personal comment at this point, I wish to express my thanks to the voters of the district for the fine majority given me in the election. I hope that the service rendered during these next two years will justify the faith placed in me. These are serious times in the history of our republic, and I am well aware of the responsibilities borne by every member of the congress.

EARLY this week the crop insurance bill passed the house by an overwhelming majority (only 16 negative votes). Last spring the house rejected a crop insurance bill. There were several valid objections to the previous proposal. All of them were removed in the new bill. Principal difficulty with the former proposal was that too much of the risk was actually borne by the government—to the extent that the plan cost many millions of dollars from the public treasury. The bill recently passed limits the government liability and practically places the plan on a sound insurance basis. As I see it, this plan does not put government in the insurance business nor does it establish any precedent along that line. It simply does a job for the protection of farm production that is too big and provides a type of insurance subject to shocks that are too heavy to be under-

FORMERLY we needed routes. Before the war, the British had them, while we had the planes and efficiency. The British controlled three continents, Europe, Africa and Asia. The war opened all three to us. Bases are no longer so important to us. Freedom of the air would not bring us so much now as formerly. Pan-Am, for instance, can start a round-the-world service as soon as agreements can be reached with three more countries and even this may not be necessary if Gibraltar is neutralized and our planes permitted to fly through the strait. Great principles were discussed at Chicago, but these mentioned business factors were behind the conclusions, which, as this is written, seemed likely to provide some sort of world safety regulations, and little else, unless some high sounding words to cover the underlying contest.

Great world principles got lost early in the game when Russia withdrew, indicating she is not ready for air freedom. Her air always has been the most exclusive in the world. Furthermore, the fact remains from the conference that we can out-match the British no matter how we decide to arrange our own commerce. We, too, have some planes in the making which will meet any competition.

JUDGE CONFIRMED
Washington, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—The senate has confirmed appointment of Joseph W. Kehoe as judge for the second judicial district of Alaska.



Letter From Washington
By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29—(Special Correspondence)—Back in session again, the congress is proceeding with its work just as if nothing had happened. But quite definitely, considerable happened on the seventh. It is no secret that Republican members felt rather confident that the majority of the house next term would be Republican. At election time the score stood 214 Democrats to 212 Republicans. The clerk of the house says that, as of this morning (Saturday), the score for the new congress stands: Democrats 242, Republicans 190, Progressive one, American-Labor one and one still in doubt. I doubt that the score is high enough on the New Deal side to warrant calling the new congress a rubber-stamp congress, but there is no slightest doubt that the administration will have majority enough in the house and senate to carry most controversial legislation.

It is too soon to get any accurate idea as to the course of legislation for the coming two-year term. My guess is, however, that there will be no serious controversy on legislation involving major foreign policy matters. The battles in the new congress will occur mostly over proposals that would tend to take us toward a centralized socialistic type of government.

Storm Warning Up Along West Coast
San Francisco, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—A general rainstorm throughout northern California with high winds from San Francisco north to the coast of Washington was predicted for today by the U. S. Weather Bureau. The bureau ordered small craft warnings hoisted at stations between here and Newport, Ore., at 10:30 p. m. last night for a 24-hour period. The rain was scheduled to spread southward this afternoon in the southern portion of the central valley.

TO NAME BONNET
London, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—A French telegraph service dispatch recorded by BBC said today that the French council of ministers had decided to appoint Henri Bonnet, former information commissioner, ambassador to Washington.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
November 28, 1934
(Baby Face' Nelson, middle-west 'public enemy,' dies of wounds received in battle with Chicago police and FBI.
County budget calling for \$212,716 is approved at hearing.
Local men fined for buying venison hams.
Heavy snow covers Klamath area.
Rain. High 50, low 38 degrees.
Mining operations hurt fishing in Rogue river. New law urged.
TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
November 28, 1924
(Move launched for France to pay war debt to America.
Coast business shows upward trend.
State to try and collect final payments on repealed income tax.
G. Puccini, famed Italian opera composer, passes.
Partly cloudy. High 50, low 24 degrees.
Medford and Ashland high battle a 7-7 tie.
THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
November 28, 1910
(Ashland football team claimed "they were robbed Thanksgiving Day," and challenge Medford to another game.
The first peach tree in southern Oregon, planted at the home of Peter F. Britt in Jacksonville in 1857, crushed to ground by weight of snow.
KEX SALE OKEHED
Washington, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—The federal communications commission today approved the Oregonian Publishing company's sale of radio station KEX, Portland, Ore., to Westinghouse Radio Stations, Inc., for \$400,000.

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