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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

All battlefield reports indicate the German goose is cooked, and the Japanese hawk settled, and European statesmen have started to "fear" peace.

Everybody is prepared for wintry weather, but due to typical meteorological contrariness, expect conditions to be as balmy as May.

Ransom Webster is home on furlough from the navy. Right off, he accused his Paw of smoking the old pipe he promised to throw away, but it was a Porto Rico cigar.

The Hollywood Orchard peacocks are themselves again, and no longer in danger of being shot for a C. Pheasant.

A large delegation of citizens journeyed to the metropolis over the week-end to attend to business, and see the football game, as long as they were there.

Farmers are feeling pessimistic. Some are so depressed they feel nothing will grow next year but the weeds, with their usual bountiful crop.

Lyle (Old Codger) Fisher, 83, with Old Sol trying to beam, took some ozone on the hoof Fri. and reports he stepped off 10 miles—give or take nine miles.

The Older Girls have launched their annual campaign for the "white Christmas" they never get. They were cheered no end by reports of snow in the Middle West, where most of them were girls in pig-tails and gingham.

A lonesome looking robin showed up on the cithse lawn Thurs. pm, and turned out to be Mrs. J. Cochran Robin. She reports she attended a frozen cold party in a Central Point district orchard, and got turned around when she started home. She has a good joke on her old man. He reported to the police she was lost, and was lost himself.

The cigarette shortage continues, with no relief in sight. However, there are plenty of a certain mentholated brand, that can be purchased every place but a church basement rummage sale.

Only one month is left on the current calendars, and citizens have started to wonder where they will get one for next year.

H. Flewher, the former demon baker is still in India. His new building is all fixed and beds have been prepared to plant posies and bushes, in the spring.

John Cupp has bought 10 Tennessee walking horses for his ranch. Many are congratulating John on getting these horses from Tennessee. They will eat just as much hay as a Rogue River valley horse, never complimented for their walking, though they do a fair job of it. The local horseflesh has long been famous for its walking, when supposed to be running. At the county fairs, they always ran too long in the same place.

The small fry have started writing letters to S. Claus, a relic of Horse & Buggy days they enjoy.

The G. Cleveland Corum twin boys are now talking a blue and other colored streak, and have reported several bright sayings of their Paw.

A survey of the November election results is planned to determine the "Republican lack." They seemed to have had every thing but enough votes.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

How About the S. P.?

To the Editor: Have you given up trying to get decent train service to San Francisco? Haven't seen anything in your paper for a long time. If the Mail Tribune can't help us who can? I was sent to San Francisco with my little boy a few weeks ago as my doctor wanted me to have some special examinations. If the S. P. had had its way only an undertaker would have been interested in either of us, couldn't get a berth, had to sit up in the day coach, but after that 100 mile trip in the S. P.'s "covered wagon", we were too near dead to care much. Coming back they woke us up about 4 in the morning and we had to sit in an unheated hotel until we could get breakfast and be jolted back to Medford. Do you mean to say the traveling public has no rights at all these days, and the people of Southern Oregon have to take this treatment on and on through the years? Mrs. G. L. G., Medford, Nov. 30th. (Name on file)

Feared so. At least we see little hope, although we have not given up trying.

BUT after all there are limits to what this newspaper,—or any other small town newspaper—can single handed do in a matter of this kind.

Few people realize how powerful the southern Pacific is not only financially but politically.

There is now a suit pending in Federal Court seeking to compel the S.P. to provide continuous passenger service over its Shasta division between Portland and San Francisco, as per its original contract with the government. But this department will be surprised if it ever comes up for hearing. Or if it does, if any relief is obtained.

When you tackle the Southern Pacific corporation, boys and girls, with its time honored monopoly and its millions,—you TACKLE something!

So we ask our correspondent what can we do that we haven't already done?

As we have maintained from the outset, the fruit shippers of Medford could undoubtedly secure the desired passenger service over the S. P. anytime they would stand together, and DEMAND it. But even the local Traffic Association will take no action,—drastic or concerted,—their plea being the S. P. MIGHT retaliate and the fruit shippers MIGHT suffer!

Well if the chief patrons of a railroad, those who literally support it as far as this section of Oregon is concerned, don't care enough about improved service to insist upon it, what chance has one daily paper in that community in securing it? The answer is precious little.

WE grant, however, that is no excuse for not trying, as a matter of public service, and that is what we have done and shall continue to do. For the conditions regarding railroad transportation are deplorable and we agree with Mrs. G.L.G. that it is inconceivable the people of this section of the state should have to submit to such treatment from a common and a public carrier, on and on, through the years! But to repeat what can be done about it?

ORIGINALLY this department felt sure the "Office of Defense Transportation" would grant relief, for it has full powers to do so,—and the abuses are so glaring and so flagrant.

So the situation was brought before that body in Washington a long time ago, both in person and by letter and local popular petition.

In each and every instance the O.D.T. in effect merely oked the objections advanced by the S. P., not in general but in detail, and in effect joined the corporation against the public.

The chief argument, of course, was the war. Because of the war the S. P. could not secure the necessary equipment even if it wished to, without taking it from other sections devoted to war service,—in other words without impairing its vital war effort.

AND of course that was the complete answer,—IF true.

No one in Southern Oregon would ask for a single engine or car from the S.P., or from any other railroad or corporation, if such action would in any way seriously impair that company's war effort.

But it wasn't and ISN'T true! At least it isn't true unless the Southern Pacific is deliberately impairing its war effort to increase its profits at the present time.

For this holiday season, as was true a year ago, the S. P. is maintaining all the through service that has been asked, as far as essential equipment is concerned, between Southern Oregon and Dunsuir, California. Why? So it will not have to bear the extra expense of sending increased Christmas parcel post, 200 miles north to Eugene and 600 miles south to San Francisco, as its normal service,—or lack of it,—necessitates. So each day it is sending a connecting train which for parcel post gives direct and THROUGH SERVICE between Medford and San Francisco.

Obviously if maintaining this service does NOT impair the S. P.'s war effort in the month of December,—and it does NOT,—it would not impair it any other month of the year.

But that is the S.P.'s claim, that is the claim the O.D.T. accepts and upon which it refuses to give Medford and Southern Oregon any relief.

So there is the reason why this paper's effort to get decent railroad service established between Southern Oregon and California, has not to date, been able to get to first base.

The Rush To The Left---

And now the new government-in-exile of Poland is put in charge of a life-long revolutionist and avowed socialist.

So the constant and increasing rush to the left goes on—and on—in Europe.

Where it will stop nobody knows. But here is our prediction:

When World War No. 2 is as far in the background as World War No. 1 is now there won't be a genuine democracy, or a thorough-going monarchy from the North cape to Vladivostok.

CHINA COAST IS RAIDED 45 TIMES IN NOVEMBER

Softening Up For Early Invasion Seen In Aerial Activity

Chungking, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—With the date of an American landing somewhere on the China coast drawing nearer, American air forces based in the China theater are intensifying their softening up program along the coastal belt, despite Japanese occupation of seven former American air bases in southern China.

Giants B-29 Superfortresses and 14th air force Liberators bombed Japanese-held points along the China coast not less than 45 times during November, a United Press survey showed today.

The American planes delivered their heaviest pounding to a new Japanese airdrome near Samah Bay on the southern tip of Hainan island. This enemy base was bombed 14 times during November, an average of one raid every two days.

Main targets of the American planes have been airdromes, power plants, radio stations, wharves, barracks, freighters, cruisers, destroyers and junks.

In November the allied planes bombed docks at Hongkong and Kowloon 10 times, an airfield on Welchow island west of Luichow peninsula once, an airfield at Kiungshai on the northern tip of Hainan island once, Fort Bayard on French leased territory in Kanchowwan bay six times, Sankai in northwest Kwangchowwan bay once, a harbor at Pakhoi west of the Luichow peninsula once, Port of Amoy once, Shanghai four times.

Japanese targets in Indo-China, and Thailand were raided 31 times in November by the 14th AAF in addition to the B-29 raid on Bangkok November 27. American airmen aimed at airfields, shipping facilities, railroad bridges, carbide mines and coastal shipping.

The leading Jap airfield at Gialam, the northern suburb of Hanoi, was bombed three times.

WHO LOPPED OFF JON HALL'S NOSE STILL A MYSTERY

Hollywood, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—The verbal battle of the Dorsey balcony paused between rounds tonight for a week-end recess while handsome Screen Star Jon Hall prepared to take the stand again to testify just who it was who lopped off the end of his nose.

Prosecutor Arthur Crum said Hall might have to explain to the jury hearing the assault charges why it was so difficult to stop in the middle of a fracas and identify the person who bonked him with a bottle.

Three key witnesses had visited the stand but no one, least of all Hall himself, was able to clear up the question of whether Dorsey, his beautiful wife Pat Dane, or Allan Smiley slashed the actor's classic profile August 5 at the luxurious Dorsey apartment, or with what.

Defense attorneys hinted they would call for a dismissal of charges when the state finishes its case next week.

DE GAULLE VISITS PREMIER STALIN

Moscow, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle arrived in Moscow on a special train today and paid his first visit to Marshal Josef Stalin at the Kremlin early in the evening.

There was no indication of the subjects discussed by the French and Soviet leaders, but it was believed that the subjects of French territorial demands against Germany and clarification of the Spanish question stand high on the agenda of possible discussions.

EIGHT INJURED

San Francisco, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Eight persons were slightly injured today when a 13-foot high glass and steel tank in which the Seabees were demonstrating underwater welding in front of a local theater burst and showered spectators.

SGT. WHIFFED 240 St. Louis, Mo.—(U.P.)—Sgt. Clarence (Hooks) Iott, former St. Louis Browns left-handed pitcher, struck out 240 men out of a total 404 whiffed by the mound staff of the Kearns, Utah, overseas replacement depot during the past season.

FULL DRESS QUIZ OF PEARL HARBOR DISASTER SOUGHT

Firing of Littell Also Eyed By Congress—Sen. Johnson Asks Probe

Washington, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Congressional interest tonight centered more on proposed investigations than on legislative matters, with new demands being voiced for full-dress inquiries into the Pearl Harbor disaster and the firing of former Assistant Attorney General Norman H. Littell.

Best guesses were that neither of the proposed investigations actually would be undertaken, but neither of them could be definitely written off. There was a chance that congress might decide to undertake either or both.

Newest demand for an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the Pearl Harbor disaster came from Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., who said differences between the Roberts commission report submitted two months after the attack and the army-navy statements of Friday make "a congressional investigation absolutely necessary."

Secretary of Navy Forrestal and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced on Friday that on the basis of testimony taken by special boards of inquiry they found no warrant for court martial proceedings against any officers in connection with the Pearl Harbor disaster. Their statements wiped out the proposed court martial trials of Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, who were in command in Hawaii at the time of the attack.

Developments in connection with the feud between Littell and his ex-boss, Attorney General Francis Biddle, were mostly in the house. The house rules committee had before it a resolution by Rep. Jerry Voorhis, D., Cal., calling for a full inquiry into the affairs and several committee members were understood to favor approving it. The committee is controlled by a coalition of Republicans and anti-New Deal Democrats and there appeared to be at least an even chance that they would ask the house to okay the proposed inquiry.

SEALS ON SALE NOW AT BOOTHS

With the Girl Scouts presiding, the booth sale of Christmas seals opened in Medford Saturday morning at Mann's department store, the post office sub-station and Montgomery Ward's.

The sale will continue for ten days under the leadership of Mrs. Dwight Findley and Mrs. C. I. Drummond of the junior group of the Jackson County Public Health association, which sponsors the annual drive to raise funds to combat tuberculosis.

Booths in the three places will be in charge of B. E. chapter of P. E. O. Monday. The women selling seals that day will be Maude Holmes, Frances Cochran, Doris Taylor, Anna McPherson, Luola Bengtson, Grace Welch and Carrie Brown.

M-18 Is Regarded As 'Hottest' Tank Destroyer In Use

Lima, O.—(U.P.)—The army's new tank destroyer—the M-18—is regarded by the army-ordnance department officials here as "the hottest thing in today's armored warfare."

Capt. Charles R. Adkins, Columbus Grove, O., an army automotive expert of 16 years' experience, who saw the M-18 in operation in France, said the vehicle "is a streamlined speed demon that put a streak of lightning in our drive across France into Germany."

The M-18, he said, has a mechanical system which permits complete installation of a new engine in less than two hours.

Capt. Adkins asserted that the tank destroyer's ten boggy wheels operate independently, "thus one broken wheel will not incapacitate the vehicle, which mounts a 76 mm. cannon."

Successful Poultrymen Yes, all over America, successful poultrymen follow this plan; keep only well-bred, healthy birds... then give them good care and plenty of Larro Egg Mash. MONARCH SEED & FEED CO. Sixth and Bartlett Phone 3460

VET INFORMATION CENTER TO OFFER SERVICEMEN HELP

A veteran's information center has been opened in Selective Service headquarters, City Hall, where all information on problems which may beset an ex-serviceman or woman returning to civilian life is pooled. Veterans visiting the center may have their questions answered there or be referred by special appointment to the agency which can best serve them.

Helen Thompson, long connected with Selective Service office, will be in charge of the new center.

Appointment of the local Veterans Service committee to assist Selective Service in carrying out the provisions of the law for the benefit of all ex-servicemen and women, was made by Colonel George E. Sandy of state Selective Service headquarters on his visit to Medford last week.

Representatives of Selective Service boards, U. S. Employment Service, War Manpower Commission, Railroad Retirement board, Civil Service commission, Public Welfare commission, County Agent's office and American Red Cross will be included on the service committee.

Also to be included is an advisory committee from the Chamber of Commerce composed of business and professional men to advise the veteran should he desire information regarding a business venture or a profession.

AMERICANS TOLD TO LEAVE THREE CHINA PROVINCES

Chungking, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—The United States embassy today advised American nationalists to evacuate portions of three central Chinese provinces, including the Kunming area, as Japanese forces continued their rapid drive on the communications center and airbase city of Kweiyang, between Kunming and Chungking.

About 50 American nationals remain in the three provinces affected, the embassy said. The provinces are northern Yunnan, on the Burma border; western Kwangsi, now almost completely overrun by the Japanese, and eastern Kwelchow, penetrated in at least two places by twin drives on Kweiyang.

Today's Chinese communique said enemy attacks east of Luichai—on the Kwangsi-Kwelchow border—were repulsed yesterday morning, but admitted that fighting continued in an area northeast of Luichai toward the Kwangsi-Kwelchow railroad.

BRITISH TROOPS REACH ALBERETO

Rome, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Indian troops of the British 8th army, in a swift jab at enemy forces defending the approaches to Faenza, have captured Albereto, five miles northeast of the Rimini-Bologna highway stronghold, Allied headquarters announced.

The tactical importance of Albereto, a village situated on the Lamone river, was demonstrated by the stiff resistance put up by the Germans through a week of sharply contested engagements.

Meanwhile on the 5th army front the Germans maintained the initiative for the third successive day, the only announced Allied success being the capture of Mt. Giornetto, 11 miles southwest of Faenza, by units operating on the right flank of the main body.

NAVY WIVES PROTEST Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Five hundred navy and civilian wives whose families have been ordered by the navy to vacate federal housing projects in Berkeley and Albany today telegraphed protests to the secretary of the navy.

POISON OAK?

Try a bottle of ZEMACOL You must be satisfied or your money cheerfully refunded (Get a bottle today at WESTERN THRIFT).

Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson Co. His tory from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago. TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 9, 1934 (It was Monday) France and Germany sign pact and end Saar dispute. Germany will pay 59 million and furnish 11 million tons of coal. Polls in sewage disposal bond election will open at one p. m. Fair and frosty. Hige 46, low 29 degrees. County and city taxes both slightly lower than last year. Fluhner's bakery introduces new bread called "Sesame." Parade and displays open Christmas season in local stores. Billion dollar subsidy to spur housing program talked.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 9, 1924 (It was Tuesday) Charlie Chaplin marries Lita Grey, 16. The bride will continue to go to school. Secretary of Interior Work lists Crater Lake as a major attraction. Bears are praised and insect menace deplored in report. Ireland ready for new clash over boundary line. President Coolidge on trip to Chicago this week will use no special train or private car. Chief executive "to practice economy I have been preaching." Fair. High 51, low 37 degrees. Buffalo meat to be served at Masonic banquet this week. Entries pour in for Ashland winter fair next Monday. Crater club feasts and makes merry at Rogue Elk. THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY December 9, 1910 Jackson county population 25,746. Entire state 672,765, census shows. Plan new bank for city. "The Duplicity of Portland" subject of double column editorial.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that Antelope Stock Men's Association, a voluntary association, has leased from the United States of America for grazing purposes the following described lands in Jackson County, Oregon, and a part of the Camp White Military Reservation, to-wit: That portion of the Camp White Military Reservation lying east and south of the east line of the west half of the east half of the east half of Sections 16 and 21 in Township 36 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon, and except the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and Lot 3 of Section 14 of said township and range. Also approximately 300 acres in the Igloo Area being that portion of the military reservation lying west of the north and south center lines of Sections 12 and 13, Township 36 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon, and southerly of the line of the Rogue River and easterly of the south line of the Township 36 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon, and except the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and Lot 3 of Section 14 of said township and range. All persons not members of the Antelope association are hereby notified to immediately take or remove any cattle, horses, or sheep belonging to them, now on said leased premises therefrom, and not to graze or suffer or permit any such cattle, horses or sheep to be grazed upon said lands during the term of said lease. Yours very truly, ANTELOPE STOCK MEN'S ASSOCIATION By P. H. McCurley, Secretary.

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