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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

After today the legislature draws no pay for services rendered. This is apt to end with lightning unexpectedness.

Yesterday was a fine early spring day, even for hereabouts, and caused pangs to autoists with gas tanks dry enough to grow a cactus.

Turkey has declared war on the Axis nations somewhat belatedly, after all is over but the shouting.

A DOGGED QUESTION (Colfax, Cal., Record): Barking dogs—yelping dogs—running dogs—loose dogs—licensed dogs—unlicensed dogs—in fact just plain dogs.

The premier of Japan has apologized to the emperor for shells from raiding B-29s falling on the palace grounds.

The Jens Jensen boy, John, writes from Europe, he is sleeping on a straw tick, and washing his socks in his helmet.

The Black Tornado came out of the basketball woods as district champions, with a 24 straight victory record.

"MERIT BILL has genuine merit"—(Hdline Oregon Voter)—It's in the right place.

A new weed killer is on the market. Experts report it "has been found very effective in controlling poison oak, but has not proven effective in killing other undesirable plants."

NEW WORD UNLEASHED: "A representative of one of the great government agencies stationed in Italy wrote a memorandum to his head office in the United States which contained the recommendation: 'We should now plan definitely to bifurcate in Rome.'"

Drummondville, Que., Feb. 26.—Eight military prisoners, whose arrest led to a street battle between 2,000 civilians and 100 police, will be arraigned here today.

Provost corpsmen, sworn in as constables, arrived in Drummondville with Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Police arrested 14, including one deserter.

Editorial Correspondence

Los Angeles, Feb. 22: They make more of Washington's than Lincoln's birthday here—as far as closing up is concerned—just why we can't figure out.

Looked in on the Municipal Court yesterday to see how the defense is doing in that Follies case. The court ruled out comparative drama and literature, so excerpts from "Tobacco Road," "Girl From the Ozarks," "Honey in the Horn," as well as "Othello," "Forever Amber," and the Bible were ruled out.

In desperation the defense decided to put on some excerpts from the show which was closed up December last, to prove that everything was not rotten in this particular dramatic Denmark.

Whereupon Miss Dee, one of the cast, with a voice somewhat resembling in tonal quality a rusty buzz-saw hitting the knot of a tree, rendered a ditty entitled "the Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" which she solemnly swore was rendered exactly as it was rendered during the 1944 holiday week.

This was followed by the roBUST tenor of the cast (accent on the bust) one Eduard DeWitt, who pointed out that he performed for a year at the "Buzz Buzz" night club in Toledo and also at the local Burbank "theater" where he was a well known popular favorite.

When asked by counsel if that was the way he sang at the performance in question Eduard replied proudly it was. Judging the performance in question by these examples, the Follies could hardly have been a very diverting performance for both Eduard and Miss Dee—the former sporting an ox-blood flannel shirt, the latter with the popular mollasses-candy-bronzed hair-do—took themselves with intense earnestness and solemnity.

The defense then put on a skit from the Follies entitled "The Doctor's Office" in which five of the cast including Miss Dee and Eduard participated, all of them declaring nothing was deleted nor altered—it was put on exactly as on the night the Follies were raided.

It is a matter of no great importance, of course, but it would be interesting to know why this cheap performance by a group of third rate actors and actresses should have been closed up, while the night clubs and floor shows of this amazing and decadent metropolis continue uncensored and unchecked.

These examples of entertainment from the raided Follies only increased your correspondent's sympathy for these poor gals trying to earn an honest living, but the boss and the men in the cast—for such as they, well—they should get "life" or be sent to aid the G. C. detail in the South Pacific!

It was positively refreshing to return to Pershing Square and run into Father Divine once more. We have, during the ten days past, become quite partial to this genial old fakir, for unlike so many of the characters in this incredible freak-show, he is essentially kindly, amusing and considerate.

The only point we have heard him stress outside of his smiling assumption of Divinity, is that there should be one Big Union in this country, to which everyone should belong.

Like Jack Johnson, Father Divine wears a beret, unlike Jack—who is still going strong, they say, down in the colored section of Main Street—he sports whiskers and is shy a number of teeth.

It is amusing to see how Father Divine with all his glib talk evades trouble. When things warm up the Father picks up his staff and sneaks out—seeks the quiet conversational groups as diligently as the whiskered bartender from San Antonio seeks out the warm ones—that is the sun-spots, among the park benches.

Just as an aside, this ex-bartender puzzles us—he chews constantly his bushy bunch of sandy whiskers moving down and up like an oil-pump but he never—or at least we have never seen him—put anything IN his mouth or eject anything FROM it!

CANADIANS RIOT IN DESERTER HUNT

Drummondville, Que., Feb. 26.—Eight military prisoners, whose arrest led to a street battle between 2,000 civilians and 100 police, will be arraigned here today.

Meanwhile, scores of civilians and a dozen military police nursed bruised heads. No shots were fired, but ice, bottles and fists flew at the height of the battle early yesterday.

Police arrested 14, including one deserter.

MINE WORKERS IN MOVE TO LEGALIZE NATIONAL STRIKE

Washington, Feb. 26.—(U.P.)—The United Mine Workers today took action which would enable them legally to call a strike in the nation's bituminous coal mines.

They did so by formally notifying three federal agencies that they consider a dispute exists with the operators "within the meaning of the Smith-Connally act."

The action was ordered by a unanimous vote of the UMW's wage policy committee at the opening session of a three-day meeting here.

The notice that a dispute already exists was sent to the war labor board, the national labor relations board, and the labor department.

Gigantic Aircraft Ordered By Panair For Postwar Runs

New York, Feb. 26.—(U.P.)—Aircraft capable of carrying 204 passengers and seven tons of freight to Europe without a stop have been ordered for post-war construction by Pan American World Airways.

Juan T. Trippes, Pan American president, said yesterday the planes, measuring the equivalent of a 21-story building between wing tips, can be "translated into unprecedented low fares."

Pan American has ordered 15 of the mammoth ships which will be powered by six pusher type engines. They will be able to fly at 30,000 feet, and make the trans-Atlantic hop in slightly more than nine hours.

Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., San Diego, Calif., will build the new air giants.

Flying Bomb Kills "Penniless" Couple

London, (U.P.)—The old, three-story house on Rosehill Road, like a Victorian vignette, hadn't changed a bit since its two occupants came to live in it 64 years ago.

They were Caroline and Matilda Newton, spinster sisters, who, unouached by the whirlwinds of fashions and customs, still wore the black dresses that swept the ground and buttoned up to the neck.

They lived quietly and with great austerity like many others of their age whose existences are often limited by pitifully small incomes.

Heiress Found At Cliff Foot, Dead: Palm Springs, Calif., Feb. 26.—(U.P.)—An autopsy will be performed today on the bruised and broken body of Marian Nadine Flint, 29-year-old Oakland, Calif., heiress.

KITCHEN MATCH STOCK PLENTIFUL, SAYS WPB: New York.—(U.P.)—There is no "shortage" of matches, although the familiar paper book and penny-box safeties are missing from cigar stands throughout the nation.

WPB officials explain that 100 per cent of the penny-box and 35 per cent of the paper-book matches have been earmarked for the military services because of their cargo-space-saving compactness, but that there are 200 billion old-fashioned kitchen matches available for civilian consumption.

Mary Lou Coombs, Fresno, Calif., was co-winner of the award for the outstanding record among freshmen in the college of engineering, with Robert Eugene Wunderlich, Los Angeles.

BRONCHIAL IRRITATIONS: Penetro—Grandma's old-time mutton meat idea developed by modern science into a counter-irritant, vaporizing saline for quick relief.

Japs Die Hard on Corregidor



American troops pour streams of lead into shell holes and rocky caves on Corregidor, wiping out the suicide squads of Japanese who remained. Japs had grenades tied around themselves, fought until killed. Signal Corps photo.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

Legislative By-Product. The battle in the house over what to do about the George Bill (the bill to take the RFC and other lending agencies from the control of the secretary of commerce) had an interesting result in another direction this week.

As veterans return, increasing numbers will be taking advantage of the loan provisions of veterans' legislation. Veterans must first file an application for a certificate to establish their eligibility for the loan.

Useful Bulletins. Those who are planning spring planting of farm crops, home gardens or flowers may be interested to know that there are available without cost numerous bulletins on subjects concerning the home and farm.

Loans for Veterans. Under the loan provisions of the GI bill passed by the last congress, there have been a total of nearly 6400 applications of veterans filed for eligibility for government guaranty. More than 1200 of these have actually filed loan applications which have been or are being processed.

Air Line Veteran Jack Knight, Dies: Niles, Mich., Feb. 26.—(U.P.)—Funeral arrangements were being completed today for Jack Knight, 53-year-old veteran commercial and air mail pilot, who died Saturday night following a short illness.

Two Officers Die In Barracks Fire: Camp Howze, Tex., Feb. 26.—Fire which destroyed a section of the officers' barracks at Camp Howze yesterday caused the death by burns and asphyxiation of two officers, the camp public relations officer reported today.

KEEP ON SAVING FATS: Lee Marshall, director of distribution, War Food Administration, stresses that the defeat of Germany will not lessen the need for saving used fat. We must keep on saving fats until "J" Day—the day the Japs are licked.

FAT POINTS VALUABLE: Save more used kitchen fat than ever before! Your butcher will pay you four cents cash for every pound you turn in—and give you two red ration points absolutely free. With butter now costing 24 points a pound, those red points are really valuable.

CO-ED IS CO-WINNER OF ENGINEERING PRIZE: Berkeley, Calif., (U.P.)—For the first time in the history of the University of California, a girl will be awarded the freshman engineering prize.

33,000 DEVICE FOR TRAINEES: Norman, Okla., (U.P.)—A 33000 reserve stereoscopic device which permits the training of range finder specialists for warships has been assigned to the naval reserve officer training school at the University of Oklahoma, it was announced by naval authorities.

DEAF OR ONLY HARD OF HEARING: See the SCIENTIFIC AURAL EXERCISER—No Batteries—Nothing to Wear. Tues., Feb. 27 Medford Hotel Hearing Center 1 Day Only



FOR SPRING—Yellow baroque scroll on jacket matching blouse with bow at neck is interesting detail for sheer brown wool dressmaker suit making spring debut at Waldorf-Astoria fashion show, New York. Severe sailor is feminized with yellow dotted veil.

ECONOMIC PLAN OFFERED BY U. S.

Mexico City, Feb. 26.—(U.P.)—The United States presented to the Inter-American conference today a 10-point "economic charter of the Americas." It is designed to protect the "natural right" of the peoples of the Americas to live decently.

HAPPY REUNION: Indianapolis, Ind., (U.P.)—When M/Sgt. William T. Farmer and his two sons, Capt. Varnol G. Farmer and Pfc. William D. Farmer, arrived home on furlough recently from their three separate camps, the elder Farmer said, "Just visiting for the first time in four years."

DO YOU FEEL NERVOUS RESTLESS HIGH-STRUNG: Do "CERTAIN DAYS" of the Month? Do functional periodic disturbances make you feel nervous, fidgety, cranky, irritable, a bit blue, tired, and "dragged out"—at such times?

SOURCES OF FAT REDUCED: With our former sources of fats and oils so greatly reduced, it is urgent that every woman keep right on saving every single spoonful of fat. Those used kitchen fats are needed in making munitions, medicines, parachutes, rubber boats and other essentials for our fighting men.

CONGRER-MORRIS: Black and White. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CORONER. Ambulance Service

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 FLIGHT O' TIME—February 28, 1928 (It was Tuesday)

Bill before legislature provides all families on relief must plant and raise a garden coming year.

Forty-six local residents arrested for parking cars too long in limited area.

Cloudy and unsettled. High 51, low 38 degrees.

Building revival looms here in spring.

Gov. Martin's stand on state Grange lobby received state-wide commendation. Ira Schuler and Lee Bishop talk at Rotary lunch meeting.

Applegate Dam data prepared for PWA chief.

New Rogue River fish law means tight lid on canners.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY February 28, 1935 (It was Thursday) Legislature passes cigarette tax bill.

Admiral Jones of navy skeptical about airplane bombs, and declares battleships can be protected from air attacks. Challenges criticism of General Mitchell.

Generally. High 50, low 34 degrees.

Condition of President Ebert of Germany serious.

Ralph Hand of Gold Hill and Charles Desfenderfer of Dunscomb to wrestle here March 6.

Seventh annual minstrel show of Elks lodge to be given March 9.

Fruitmen to hold meeting next week to discuss seasonal labor.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY February 28, 1911 (It was Sunday) Big pear crop forecast for valley orchards.

Fishermen object to power company "harnessing Rogue." Editorial comes out for new opera house here.

Slacks Now Issued For Army Nurses: Kansas City, Mo., (U.P.)—Dark olive drab slacks for both summer and winter wear are now being issued to Army nurses, according to Kansas City Quartermaster Depot officials.

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