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Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, April 25.—Wheeeew! from the hot and active volcano of Paricutin to cold and inactive Union Square, in a week! Some change in scene and temperature. For this is one of the windiest and coolest April days on the Golden Gate we have ever experienced,—the opening day of the long-awaited Peace conference. It presents a problem of readjustment. If this proves to be a rather garbled and disconnected report, perhaps certain allowances will be made. They should be.

We have just returned from the opening ceremony in the beautiful Memorial Opera House and needless to say it was a GREAT success.

How could it be otherwise? Ceremonies always are when there is a large and enthusiastic audience, and the S.R.O. sign was out early at this one.

In fact we were reminded constantly—and still can't shake off the impression,—of a very large and stylish wedding we reported once upon a time in New York City when we were working on space for the N. Y. Globe and Commercial Advertiser.

It wasn't held at the Metropolitan Opera House but it was held at a large and fashionable church on Fifth Avenue, and everyone was there including the gals from Macy's. We are a bit hazy on the details, but we think it was a Goetlet gal who married some foreign Duke,—or son of a shem!—DUKE!

At any rate the crowd was tremendous, and the entire N. Y. fire and police departments had to be called out to prevent a riot. For everyone was there including Julie O'Grady and the Colonel's lady, and they were going to see the bride if they had to commit mayhem to do it. And that is about what they did.

Well so at this ceremony,—not a wedding ceremony, but in many ways it resembled one.

And as wedding ceremonies always are,—a GREAT success. At least we have never attended a wedding ceremony that could be called a failure.

The bride is ALMOST always beautiful; the groom is handsome,—and the groom in this case was none other than Secretary of State Stettinius who is certainly THAT!—and the flower-girls, and the music,—and did one ever see such gorgeous presents?—and the people,—Heaven above EVERYONE WAS THERE!

If everyone wasn't there, WHO WASN'T?

We had a press-seat fortunately. But had we not arrived early that would have profited us nothing. For while the press-seats were limited the public admission tickets were NOT; the whole affair being conducted apparently very much as Mayor Kelly of Chicago conducts the final night of the Democratic conventions,—passes out about three times as many tickets as there are seats and lets Nature—and his loyal constituents,—take their respective courses!

Well that was what happened this afternoon.

We have no idea how many people were in the local Opera House; but we have a very clear idea that at least 85% of them could not find seats, and were packed along the edges, while very attractive and well meaning but somewhat ineffective "usherettes", told them they had to clear the aisles because the fire and police regulations of the city of San Francisco, demanded the same.

Such demands were not recognized at THIS meeting.

But,—to repeat,—it was a very successful CEREMONY! The bride was beautiful, the groom was handsome, (they say they are very much in love REALLY!)—and everything went off as such ceremonies should go off,—with dispatch, with pageantry, music and flowers, "may they live happily ever after!"

And there—if you will pardon us for the interruption,—is the RUB! This ceremony—like all ceremonies,—or almost all,—was a great success but it was only a CEREMONY.

We don't care whether it was the Episcopal—a beautiful one by the way!—the Catholic, the Methodist, even the Unitarian,—the point is,—

It makes very little difference what the particular ceremony was,—or is—the important point is what will the future be? HOW WILL THE THING WORK OUT!

And that depends. Not upon the nature of the ritual, or the ceremony, but upon the natures and characters of the chief parties involved, i.e.:

The bride and groom. It is up to THEM, isn't it? We can see only one answer to that question: "TI IS!"

And so with this Peace Conference,—or at least the first day of it. You see, like all wedding ceremonies,—this one isn't for this week or next week,—this year or next year,—but for the years to come,—for LIFE in fact.

It is all very easy now. Only avowed enemies of the Axis are here, the Big Four are in command,—the Big Three in fact,—Great Britain, Russia and the United States,—and who would dare oppose them?

There are, of course, certain differences to adjust between Russia and the Anglo-Americans, as to Poland, the Pacific Islands per-

haps, maybe Japan. But in the main there are no serious obstacles to overcome.

Precisely so with most wedding ceremonies. They all start out very much the same. The bride and groom are young (all life is before them, they are,—usually very much in love, and all looks promising and joyous,—but,—

The future does not depend upon the success of the wedding as a ceremony,—or a spectacle or a pageant,—or upon anything really. But the respective characters of the principals and the precise nature of their attachment,—and of course, FATE.

So,—with this ceremony just concluded. It was a great success, the crowd was huge, the applause was loud and spontaneous, but,— Just what was—and is—the nature of their attachment? What will prove to be the characters of the chief participants, and their powers of attachment and adjustment.

Of course only the future can tell.

But—(we grant it is a chestnut yet still holds good)—as the man who jumped from the 76th floor of the Empire State building as he passed the 56th floor remarked,— "Everything is ok THUS far!"

We liked Roger Lapham, the Honorable Mayor of San Francisco, the best as far as the speeches were concerned. Why? Because he was brief, to the point, and avoided the everlasting cliches so common at such a time. He also suggested rather than enumerated the difficulties in this or any program designed to maintain world peace, and dwelt upon not a road to a PERFECT world, but a road to a BETTER one.

President Truman's speech was good,—very good in fact,—but to us at least it lacked originality and that subtle something that comes under the general heading of inspiration. It was good, not distinguished.

We arrived on the Lark this morning with the East Indian delegation and ran into the Russian delegation—some of them—on Geary street near the St. Francis hotel.

Could anyone ask for a more striking study in contrasts,—the East Indians and the Soviets? The former the most strikingly handsome and refined looking group of men and women we have seen since the World's Fair of 1893; the latter as coarse and crude as some of Orozoco's natives, and as vital and impressive. These two probably represent the two outstanding problems in this conference,—India and Russia.

Ran into Seth Bullis, of Copco, as we arrived at Third and Townsend this a.m., and at the Opera House ran into General Glenn Jackson's papa from Albany, Oregon. The former meeting his daughter-in-law; the latter was here to see the excitement and reported incidentally that Colonel Glenn will soon report to Washington, D. C.

How unreal everything seems!

It probably has something to do with the hurried Mexican trip and the fact that for three weeks our normal means of communication were entirely cut off. Never heard of Ernie Pyle's death until we reached Tucson, Ariz., and now back in the U. S. A., found it almost impossible to believe President Roosevelt really had DIED! Two very different men, but it isn't the same world,—or the same war,—WITHOUT them!—R.W.R.

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

April 27, 1935 (It was Saturday) Mercury goes to 84.4, and city has hottest April day since 1926.

Mid-west farmers cheer Sen. Huey Long's attack on Wallace program, and 'share-the-wealth' program.

Air chiefs warn nation to be ready to seize French and British Isles near U. S. coast.

Investigation of state relief funds and service to provide no sensation.

Fair and warmer. High 84.4, low 42 degrees.

New fish ladder at Savage Rapids dam installed, and working fine.

Pear growers of Coast plan to unite for mutual aid.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

April 27, 1925 (It was Monday) New fire pumper prevents spread of fire to business dis-

trict, when two old buildings at Front and Eighth are destroyed by flames.

J. K. Shaw, president of Colotex visits city and valley and predicts a great future for this section.

Jewett car climbs Jacksonville hill in three minutes and 38 seconds, with Cole Holmes as timer and observer. Feat is considered astounding.

Probable rain. High 81, low 39 degrees.

England goes on a gold basis.

Deschutes to initiate a bill to further increase state tax on stages.

Lady evangelist to open revival here this week.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY

April 27, 1911 (It was Thursday) Al G. Barnes circus here May 2.

Los Angeles 'Times' dynamiter suspect confesses.

Petitions for cluster lights on Main street widely signed.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

MEETING SLATED TO EXPLAIN OPA MEAT PROGRAM

For the purpose of explaining to interested persons the new ten-point OPA meat program, a meeting will be held in Medford Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce, the local war price and ration-board announced today. OPA is launching the new program on a nation-wide basis in an effort to bring about a more equitable distribution of meat, exterminate black market operations and inform the general public on the necessity of continued strict rationing of meat, it was said. Here for the meeting will be Frederick F. Janney, district rationing executive, and John Ferris, meat rationing representative from the Portland office.

Adding to the interest in the meeting is the fact that the meat shortage, heretofore little felt locally, is becoming more pronounced. Certain retailers in Medford have been practically without fresh meat for the

past two days and press dispatches in Klamath Falls are to the effect that the shortage there is acute, with some distributors entirely without meat this week.

Boy Scout News

Troop Eight Patrol leaders, assistant patrol leaders, scribe, junior assistant scoutmaster and senior patrol leader of Troop Eight are to meet tonight at 7:30 at Scout headquarters. Purpose of the meeting will be to train the leaders in different scout activities.

Troop Eight held the regular meeting Tuesday night and movies, donated by Mr. Faber, were shown. Refreshments were served.

JUST ASK THE "BANKER" Boston—(U.P.)—An OPA announcement that racks of poker chips are exempted from price control brought this remark from a seasoned player, "That's what they think."

NEW SHOE STAMP VALID IN AUGUST

Washington, April 27—(U.P.)—A new shoe ration stamp will become valid on August 1 for one pair of shoes, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

The number of the stamp to be used has not been selected yet. Airplane stamps one, two and three are valid for shoes now and will continue to be valid indefinitely, OPA said.

Announcement of a new validation was made well in advance, according to OPA, so that consumers can budget their remaining stamps for the coming months, and also to accommodate the shoe trade's planning.

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DANCE SAT. NITE—U. S. HALL JACKSONVILLE FINE MUSIC—BEST of CROWD Come Out and Enjoy Yourself! Dancing 8 to 12 Sponsored by Jacksonville I.O.O.F.

Member OREGON PAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

The efforts of the "fair city" of Klamath Falls to have the "inter-regional" road, or Pacific Highway routed its way instead of over the established route, is developing into a cross-state rumple. They once waged a feud among themselves that left them with three courthouses. If history should repeat itself, as it often does, they might wind up with three Pacific Highways. However, all they will get out of the current shenanigan will be a candidate for Congress for the eastern Oregon district to defeat in the May 1946 primary.

Avid readers of the 25 cents editions of blood and thunder "who-dun-it" mysteries are getting their thrills and chills elsewhere these days. They get their daily diet of gore and abysmal cussedness instead from newspaper accounts of German atrocities. In them grandparents of the Reich spend their spare time heeling Der Fuehrer and stoking the furnaces of Gestapo crematoriums with the bodies of starved and tortured prisoners and slaves.

"MAN'S BEST FRIEND"

(Coos Bay Times) "Here in the heart of America's last great stand of timber, here on the shores of the mighty Pacific, that noble, great and mighty animal, the horse, faces the terrible fate of being regulated by a city ordinance."

The OPA is again monkeying with the meat situation and purported shortage thereof. It now appears the American public, allergic no end to regimentation by bureaus of their bread-baskets, want more meat and less OPA for a change.

The Portland police have solved a mystery. A "safe" thrown into the Tulatin river turns out to be a stove that somehow escaped shipment to Japan as scrap iron.

As long as they can't do it themselves, thousands hope Gen. Patton captures A. Hitler, the Nazi outlaw, who is now near the Berchtesgaden hideout of the former paperhanger. It would be a great honor for old B. & G. and too much of a one for Adolf.

HOW TO TELL IT'S OVER

(Brentwood (Cal.) News) "We're being told that we may not know when the war is over in Europe, but we'll know for sure when Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson get to feuding over which of them won it single-handed."

The world security parley-vo at Frisco, in the problem of a Pole settlement, have hit one. The Russians announce it is something to be settled between them and the Poles, with the Poles doing all the settling.

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GARDENERS URGED TO HELP IN CRISIS

Washington, April 27—(U.P.)—President Truman today urged gardeners throughout the nation to pitch in and help meet critical food needs with home-grown fruits and vegetables.

In a letter to Prentice Cooper, ex-governor of Tennessee and chairman of the National Advisory Garden committee, Mr. Truman said:

"There is a greater need now than at any time since the war began for more gardens and better gardens, whether they are at home, in community plots or in company-employee gardens."

The President commended the families who joined in the victory garden program last year. This great source of extra manpower must be used to the "fullest extent" again in 1945, he said.

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Rev. Weatherford Farewells Medford



Rev. Fred M. Weatherford

Church and Friends Sunday, April 29, 1945

Eleven Years Pastor of Local Church of the Nazarene, Holly at First.

Two Times President of Ministerial Association.

Four Years and a Half Broadcasting Over KMED.

Wrote Four Books During the Eleven Years.

Church Grew from Little \$2000 Structure to the New \$60,000 Commodious Edifice (Paid For).

Started with 100 Members—Received 315.

Eleven Young People Called Into the Ministry.

Two Others as Collego Christian Education Professors.

Featuring Special Sunday School Rally at 9:45 A. M.

(A Chemical Character Demonstration Will Be Witnessed)

10:45 A. M.—Musical Program Directed by John Eby

11:00 A. M.—Pastor Will Dedicate Babies Reception of New Members

PASTOR'S FAREWELL SERMON

6:30 P. M.—Special Youth Meeting

7:30 P. M.—Special Musical Program Featured by John Eby's Direction

Six Vocal Numbers Will Be Presented Baptismal Service Conducted by the Pastor.

PASTOR'S FAREWELL WORDS Friends of Community Heartily Invited

Anderson's Thrift Market MEDFORDS POPULAR TWO FRONT STORE

Any way you look at it It's Thrifty to Buy at ANDERSON'S THRIFT MARKET

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- TILLAMOOK CHEESE lb. 38c
ASSORTED LUNCH MEAT lb. 39c
SHOULDER ROAST lb. 30c
ROUND STEAK lb. 43c
DELICIOUS MINCEMEAT 2 Lbs. 39c

CRACKERS SUNSHINE KRISPY 2 lbs. 33c

MUSTARD BEST FOODS - 10c Jar 3 jars 25c

STEAKS Loma Linda Vegemeat 2 17-oz. jars 59c

TUNA OREGON ALBAGORE 2 2 1/2 Flat Tins 59c

SOUP CAMPBELL'S TOMATO 3 Cans 25c

RICE WHITE ROSE FANCY 5-lb. Cello Bag 59c

Anderson's Thrift Market MEDFORDS POPULAR TWO FRONT STORE

'Dew Kist' Vegetables Florida New POTATOES

- 4 lbs. 29c
SPINACH Clean and Crisp 2 lbs. 29c
CARROTS Smooth and Coreless 3 bunches 25c

- Sun Maid Puffed RAISINS 2 Pkgs. 33c
LARGE BOX S. O. S. 10 Pads 25c
LARGE SIZE RINSO Box 23c
24-oz. JAR SYRUP Lumber Jack 33c
ASSORTED CHOCOLATES, lb. \$1 19
JUST ADD MILK PUDDING All Flavors 5c
HUNT'S JELLIES Assorted Flavors 29c