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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A California scientist trapped in a wind tunnel was whirled about briskly by a 700-m.p.h. wind. He was no more the worse for his experience than millions of American voters, trapped before their radios every four years by presidential election oratorical tornadoes.

Fears are now felt the Allies will coddle and spoon-feed Nazi monsters for their war crimes, and cite the tender treatment accorded R. Hess, No. 2 kraut, by the British, as a sample of what can be expected in the way of punishment. A portion of the public wants the Hitler outlaws, skinned alive and boiled in oil, and their pelts nailed to the doors of horror camps. Such retribution would be too rough. However, it should be more rugged than a slap on the wrist, and no cigarettes for 30 days.

"The committee discussed the first sentence of section A of chapter VI of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. No action was taken." — (Press Dispatch) — Diplomatic gnat straining.

The current moisture is too late to be classified as an April shower, and too soon to be identified as the June rains. Nevertheless, it possesses the main characteristic of typical moisture—wetness.

The United Nations are firm for 'A Sound Peace'. They strive to avert the errors of 1918, when in the final analysis, there was more sound, than peace.

F. VanDyke, the Ashland lawyer was a week-end visitor, and, fully recovered from 69 days interment in Salem.

HORSE AND BUGGY STUFF

"St. Louis, May 11.—(U.P.)—The National Labor Relations Board cannot prevent members of a community from expressing anti-union views in a labor dispute, the U. S. Court of Appeals has ruled here."

The moon and Saturn will stage an eclipse at 8:51 tonight, but will not be visible in these parts, due to clouds. Like the former trains in Italy and Japan, the eclipse will be on time.

Bob Ebel has been named president of the softball league, and will again be seen under the arc, wearing his cap with the long beak.

COY GALS OF 1895

"At last the bloomer has taken tangible shape. It was a dream, an airy vision, but now it has a local habitation and a name. Appeared Saturday night. There were just two of them, on the back street. But they are too pretty to stay on the back street long. Two of The Dalles most charming ladies wore them, and as they glided noiselessly along under the big poplars it required no great stretch of the imagination to fancy that the fairies and elves had come out to see what there was about bicycles that sets everybody wild to ride them. The bloomer is a bifurcated dream in art! An lambic poem in dress goods. A symphony in tout ensemble. The bloom of the orchards are sweet, and the bloom of the rose is a delight, but bloom as they may the new style is far bloomer." — (50 Yrs. Ago Col., The Dalles Chronicle).

SAVANT SUICIDES

Philadelphia, May 14.—(U.P.)—Dr. George C. Vaillant, 44, director of the University of Pennsylvania museum and internationally known archeologist, committed suicide late yesterday on the lawn of his suburban main-line estate near Devon, Pa.

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Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, May 11.—Russia, Russia, Russia,—" We are getting a bit tired of the theme-song of this conference, but the plain truth is it IS the theme-song. And one can't report this conference without reporting the Russian attitude, for in practically every question Russia's attitude is the vital or the most interesting factor.

Took a walk along the waterfront this morning,—a sunny MORNING for almost the first time since the conference opened. And there what did we run into? The "M.S. SMOLNI" all decked out in colorful signal flags with a huge "USSR" in red on white, along the hull and the Muscovites all over the place.

So you can't escape the Russians in this man's town,—and no doubt the Japs will have the same trouble as did the Germans!

This ship, incidentally, is the one advertised as full of caviar, vodka and pink-cheeked Slavic stewardesses, where sounds of revelry are heard day and night.

But according to a U. S. riveter working on the ship, he had seen no signs of any particular whoopee, or signs of vodka and caviar either; but he believed there was to be a two-day victory celebration starting that night that was why the boat was all dressed up. And probably everybody would get pretty tight. He also said he liked the "Rooshians", they "was quite a chummy lot." But he couldn't say as much for "Vodkeel!"

And so it goes. Russia, Russia, Russia all over the place indoors, outdoors, on the roof, down in the basement, and along the waterfront!

But that remark of the riveter that the "Rooshians was a chummy lot," interested us for it is the one thing we,—and we believe the entire press crowd here—would maintain the "Rooshians" are NOT.

So what? Well we believe that simple fact explains something,—the Russians are not only class-conscious but they are class-haters. If there were 2500 members of the labor press here, we have no doubt the entire Russ-allied situation would be very different.

And then up the hill to the Mark Hopkins for Mr. Anthony Eden's last press conference. And what a contrast to the final appearance of Comrade Molotov,—except in the crowd,—both men had the SRO sign out 15 minutes before the time set.

Mr. Eden has everything Mr. Molotov lacks,—charm, candor, culture and, last but far from least, a sense of humor.

But there, too, up popped Kipling's "bear that walks like a man," the first crack out of the box.

And those who have tried to make out all is, and has been, sweetness and light between Russia, Britain and the United States and that talk of friction merely "propaganda of the plutocratic press"—especially the Hearst press,—were certainly knocked into a cocked hat.

For the Polish question was the first thing Britain's foreign minister brought up. And coming from the official spokesman of Britain it was dynamite, for in the world of diplomacy, criticism of other countries, and particularly of an ally, are always models of UNDERstatement.

In brief Mr. Eden declared Russia's action in imprisoning that delegation of Polish officials that had been invited by Russia to visit Moscow, and then keeping the matter secret for several weeks, was such a flagrant breach of international etiquette, and so estranged the conference representatives of the Big Three, that all negotiations here on this problem had to be broken off, and the matter referred back to the heads of the respective governments,—Churchill, President Truman and Stalin.

As usual the East Indian representatives of Independence were there with their usual questions,—also the Palestine Jews. And also as usual none of them got anywhere. But Mr. Eden was more effective in this direction than Lord Cranborne had been. For he gave more facts.

Mr. Eden explained to the Indians that dominion status had been offered India, that the offer had never been withdrawn and now with the German threat removed, dominion status would be granted just as soon as the Indians themselves could get together and decide what form of dominion status they really wish.

That certainly sounded fair enough. And the Indians apparently had no comeback—or if they did, none was offered.

The answer to the Jews was less satisfactory, but Mr. Eden did declare there had been no vital change in the Balfour declaration, and while the mandate difficulties had proved to be tremendous, Great Britain intended to fulfill the obligations of the mandate, just as soon and as completely as conditions allowed.

Here, too, there was no further reference to the subject.

Later: Just had breakfast with one of the East Indian editors. The Indians have a comeback but they gave none for our friend claimed "only questions can be asked, arguments can't be indulged in." (That is technically true, of course, but the Indians could have given an answer to Mr. Eden in the form of a question had they wished. That is repeatedly being done at these press conferences.)

The "comeback" is briefly, that INDEPENDENCE not dominion status is what India wants, and while Britain claims to have offered dominion status, no such thing has really been done,—it is dominion status in name only.

So the Indian debate could go on and on. But it won't. The nationalist delegates have at last become convinced there will be nothing done about India at this conference.

Our anti-camera-shot-crusade is making some progress. One of the indignant editors interrupted proceedings at the Molotov gathering and asked if the room couldn't be cleared of camera men so the news men could hear and see SOMETHING. No action was taken but it shows how newspaper sentiment is running, and in what direction.

And that reminds us. Mr. Molotov claims he can't speak or understand English. But put this historical fact down in your notebook.

At that same Molotov conference when he arrived and the camera brigade started their usual barrage, several newsmen yelled "sit down, sit down!" referring to the camera men, who were standing and obstructing everyone's view.

But you should have seen the expression on M. Molotov's face! He thought they were telling him to sit down, and in an angry chorus. We shall never forget the look he gave his interpreter and his bodyguard, before the former explained to him what the newsmen were mad and were yelling about. It was the first time we have ever seen an expression of strong emotion on that impassive poker face, and it was the emotion of dismay and fear.

So don't let anyone claim Mr. Molotov did not understand that outburst at once, and in English "SIT DOWN!"—R.W.R.

LOGTOWN CEMETERY OWNERS WILL MEET

Forest Creek, May 14 — Logtown Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at Ruch school house Thursday evening, May 17. Officers to be elected include one director for a three-year term, and a clerk for a two-year term. Members and all others interested in the pioneer Logtown cemetery are urged to attend.

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

May 14, 1935 (It was Wednesday)

Removal of state capitol fire debris to start at once.

Gov. Martin to seek federal funds for rural electrification.

Unsettled and mild. High 76, low 40 degrees.

Snider Dairy celebrates its 30th birthday in valley, and improves plant.

Fire prevention rules effective tomorrow in forests.

CCC camps of district hold birthday parties on second anniversary.

City streets to be oiled coming summer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

May 14, 1925 (It was Thursday)

French report big victory over Riffs.

Alrplane flies 90 miles per hour using apple cider as fuel.

High school bond election tomorrow stirs city, with choice between P & E and Holly street sites.

Escaped Folsom prison convicts pursued through Sacramento streets by posse.

Fair. High 76 low 53 degrees.

Richard Barthelmess, movie star and wife, to separate but won't get divorce.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY

May 14, 1911 (It was Sunday)

Eugene Ely will fly his plane here at Ball Park June 3.

Medford to get postal savings bank.

Standard Oil is branded monopoly in high court decision.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

The Missionary's Work

To the editor: One of the by-products of this global war is the changed attitude of the average business man towards foreign missions. As a rule, such men know little about missions and care less. Being of a practical turn of mind they value all lines of activity according to visible results. And because their reading is not along the line of church work, they usually know but little of what is being accomplished by the missionary.

But the war has brought the lowly missionary to the front as never before. He has been there before him; and mighty glad has he been that this is the case. Some 30 years before our troops landed on Solomon Islands, a Seventh-day Adventist missionary by the name of Capt. Jones and his wife

called their little gasoline launch right into the heart of that cannibal archipelago. With no protection but that of the angels, and no inducements to the natives but the beautiful story of the life and death of Christ, they challenged heathenism in its deepest and darkest den. And they came off conquerors. How glad were those 70 odd pilots who were forced to land on those wild shores, to find themselves in the hands of Christians rather than cannibals.

This is but one of hundreds of like instances. One boy writing home to his father said, "Dad, it is about time that those Seventh-day Adventists will be around with their 'Ingathering' campaign, asking for contributions for foreign missions. I want you to be sure to give them a liberal donation. The missionaries have done a wonderful work in all these islands in civilizing the natives. They have not only saved many of our boys' lives, but have been a great help to us in many other ways."

G. A. THOMPSON.

Five Schools Join in Music Program; Oak Grove Is Host

Oak Grove, May 14 — Music Week was the occasion for a gala day May 11 at Oak Grove school when five rural schools participated in a varied program.

E. C. Roots' rural grade musicians were highlights of the day, as they concluded their concert season, with professional skill, before a large audience. Soloists were Beverly Mero and Muriel Tolle, pianists from Griffin Creek, and Robert Butterfield, clarinet soloist.

Young America in song was represented by choral groups of all ages, ably directed by Mrs. Virginia Luman, Mrs. Rhoda Newton, and Mrs. LeClair.

Especially well received were the folk dance by Oak Grove and the sextet of lovely voices from Howard district.

Schools participating were Griffin Creek, Lone Pine, Evans Valley, Howard and Oak Grove.

SURPLUS LABOR

Washington, May 14.—(U.P.)—Detroit, one of the greatest war producing centers in the country will soon be declared a surplus labor area, it was reliably reported today.

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HOME OF BEAVERS HELD FIRE TRAP

Portland, Ore., May 14 — (U.P.) Fire Marshal Taylor French today condemned Portland's 40-year-old Vaughn street baseball park as a great fire hazard.

His written report to Mayor Earl Riley said the park is operated in violation of fire codes, that recommendations to owners go unheeded, and that a blaze there during the park's occupancy would result perhaps in its destruction within a quarter-hour, with serious casualties.

French recommended that "only limited time and use of the premises be permitted."

He said center field bleachers, with splintered, dried, warped wood, were declared unsafe, and their razing was recommended. Neither this suggestion nor those to rebuild faulty exit gates and extend aisles and stairs were followed, he said.

147,767 Fans See Sunday Ball Games

New York, May 14 — (U.P.) — A total of 147,767 spectators saw 14 Major League baseball games yesterday, with a season's record crowd of 38,056 paid admissions at the Giant-St. Louis Cardinal doubleheader at New York.

For the second straight Sunday rainy weather held down attendance. The National League, aided by the large crowd at the Polo Grounds and by a crowd of 25,144 at Brooklyn, out drew the Americans 81,532 to 66,233.

TRIBUTE TO PYLE

Albuquerque, N. M., May 14 — (U.P.)—Residents of Ernie Pyle's adopted city paid final tribute to the famed war correspondent yesterday with a memorial service in Carlisle gymnasium on the University of New Mexico campus. More than 3,500 persons, including Pyle's widow, attended the service.

OLIVIA ILL. Boston, May 14 — (U.P.) — Screen Actress Olivia de Havilland, who was stricken with tropical fever while entertaining American troops in the Pacific, was hospitalized here today for a physical examination.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 9:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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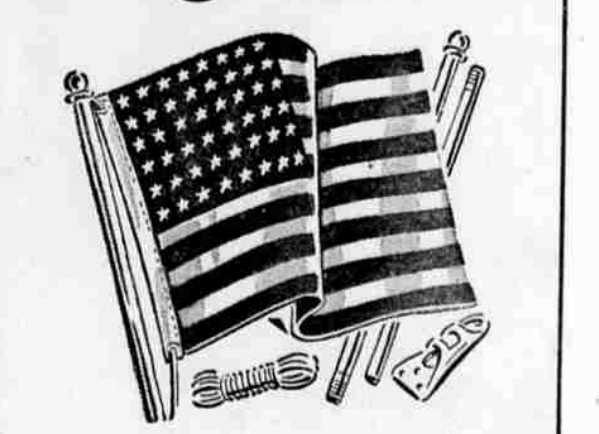
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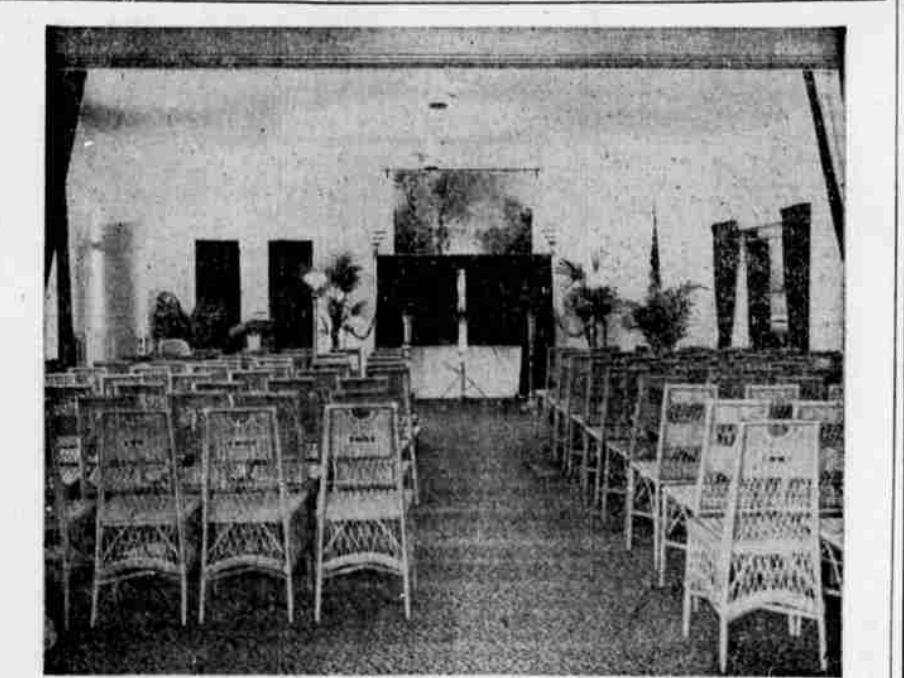
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