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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
'The Voters Speak' blares a metropolitan daily, editorially discussing the special election results. In tune with the lightest vote in years, a more appropriate caption might have been: The Voters Squeak.
The charter of the United Nations, providing for no more wars, is ready for the signatures of the signatories. It provides for shooting peace, into any nation with world conquering notions, including the chronic offender-Germany. Several preventatives have been brewed against future wars. They are not sure cures, like taking the dollar out of war, or putting the statesmen, diplomats and politicians in the front ranks of the first battle. Hatred of war by the masses, might bring about the inclusion of these two vital points at a later date. No Utopia is promised by the charter. Neither will all of the earth's inhabitants get a quart of milk daily, as once proposed.
THE RETORT COURTEOUS
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
"We wish to express grateful acknowledgment appreciation to the eight intelligent and discriminating voters who wrote in our name on the ballot at the recent school director election. We are especially grateful to 500 other voters who did not do the same thing."
It is now forecast hay will be \$60 per ton next winter. At this price a farmer might be tempted to eat it himself.
"Grave doubts" still prevail over the world, the missing Herr Hitler is in a grave. He could show up at the Berlin meeting of the Big 3 wearing no decorations, but a pair of Russian hand-cuffs.
Commentators report American generals home from European battlefronts "acted like schoolboys." If they acted like some schoolboys they would have faced a juvenile court-martial and got spanked at sunrise.
"Lee Haines is back from San Francisco without his left eye removed." (Cloud Creek News).
—Lucky break in the wicked city.
PROGRESS ITEM
(Pendleton East Oregonian)
"The bicycle has come to stay. It is the product of evolution in vehicles. It makes the flying machine possible. It is to the flying machine what the telegraph was to the telephone—the forerunner. Hail to the bicycle! Hope for the flying machine! Good will and good cheer to all men!"—(50 Yrs. Ago Col.)
No firecrackers or fireworks will enliven the Fourth of July this year, due to the war time ban. This affects the small boy with only one thumb to blow off for his native land.
The Craters play Dewey Hill, the Prospect hired man and athlete here today. Mr. Hill will be assisted by eight other athletes with Central Point on their uniforms.
The municipal eyesore, where the CoC rendezvous formerly stood, is showing no signs of obliterating itself, without human aid.
NEGRO HELD IN MURDER
Fort Worth, Tex., June 25.—(U.P.)—Richard Gamble, 32-year-old negro, today awaited arraignment on a charge of slaying Mrs. Lydia T. McBride, 55, church and social worker. District Attorney Al Clyde said Gamble had signed a confession.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, June 23.—Lord Halifax held what will probably be the last press conference at the Mark Hopkins yesterday morning. Strange, but there was a certain sadness in thus marking an end to these press gatherings. They have all been interesting and instructive, but the British efforts have been outstanding from the first,—a refreshing atmosphere of friendliness and complete candor prevailing. As to Lord Halifax, he has been one of the smoothest presiding officers and most convincing speakers of the session. The Britishers have their faults, as have all nations, a certain air of superiority and patronage being one of them,—but all in all they win on points if not on punch, in every comparison with any of the other foreign delegations here.

We could not agree with His Lordship, however, on his justification for the Five-Power veto clause,—(a fact that would no doubt irk him considerably did he but know).

He repeated, only in more graceful language, what has been the accepted alibi on the part of the Big Five, throughout the session, namely:

"Let us face realities. If there is no unanimity of the great powers and one power wishes to start a war, no peace machinery can stop it save war. And war is the negation of peace which is the sole purpose of the document we are here creating. The great powers are unanimous in not wanting war."

If that is true then the future is dark indeed as far as world peace is concerned.

For, as we see it, there can be no war,—serious war that is,—in the next quarter century or more, unless one of the Big Five is in it, favors it, or is sympathetic toward it.

For the plain truth is, no nation or group of nations outside of the Big Five, can wage modern war successfully, for its success is and will continue to be based on tremendous manpower and even more tremendous industrial power,—the ability to produce planes and tanks in overwhelming quantities.

China, Russia, Great Britain, France and the United States! WHERE outside of their combined borders, with Germany and Japan eliminated, is there any POSSIBLE threat of a future war?

The answer is NOWHERE!

In other words there can be no world war, unless one of these major powers starts it or is willing to participate in it.

So if the assumption made by Lord Halifax is correct that if and when such an event comes to pass, the new League can DO NOTHING TO STOP IT,—then why have such a League? For as long as these five great powers are unanimous for preventing war they CAN prevent it. But they don't need a United Nations League charter of thousands and thousands of words, they only need a couple of paragraphs in the form of an alliance. And when that unanimity ceases, such an alliance would fail no more completely than the elaborate covenant just completed will fail.

But there is the point. It is the contention of this department it would not need to fail, if the Five Power veto were eliminated, and military action by the League could be taken whenever war might be threatened, whether one of the aforementioned five were in favor of such a course or was not.

Lord Halifax maintains this would mean world war. Why?

Would Hitler, well prepared as he was—or thought he was,—ever have marched into Poland, had the old League of Nations been as strong, as alert, and as immediately powerful on land and sea and in the air, as this new League will be? At least as everyone hopes it will be?

We can't believe it. For this new League is implemented to hit, and hit quickly, and with overwhelming force.

But even assuming Hitler had been crazy enough to try it—and there is no doubt he was a paranoiac,—how long would the war have lasted, with that huge League force backing up the force—particularly in the air,—of Poland?

Not long. A matter of weeks instead of years.

True that would be war,—but a short war,—definitely a war to prevent a major war from sweeping destruction over the earth, and therefore a force for world peace.

No, we can't see it! It is in fact the conviction of this department, that there would have been no war had such conditions existed in 1939, and no war,—no world war,—under such conditions will be at all likely in the future, IF,—

And here is the crux of the matter: no ONE member of the Big Five is given the power to PREVENT military action against an aggressor threatening war, WHOEVER THAT AGGRESSOR MAY BE!—a member of the Big Five, or not a member.

But as long as that one-power veto exists,—again as we see it,—there is not one chance in a thousand of the new League being in a position to prevent another war, when conditions arise again—as they probably will—which produce war.

The only bright spot in the picture therefore, as the charter is now written, is—

One chance in a thousand is better than no chance at all!—R.W.R.

ARMY TRAGEDY
Kingman, Ariz., June 25.—(U.P.) Military authorities today were preparing charges against Cpl. Thurman E. Laws for the fatal stabbing of his wife and T/Sgt. Waldeman A. Vernet, Jr., 24, New York, Saturday night. Laws stabbed the pair after finding them together.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 25.—A fair-trade-practices bill for labor (Richberg) is supposed to lie around congress until the coming expected wave of union strikes generates an irresistible demand for its adoption—then it or some thing like it is to be passed.



This, indeed, is the sotto voce program. Such delay may sound like a back-end way to handle an expected national crisis, because the bill proposes to avert the strikes by providing machinery for just settlements, not only in the public interest, but in the long range interest of the unions. Yet you can see what is beginning to happen to the legislation in the probable absence of Alabama's Senator Lister Hill from the lists of sponsors.

THIS was supposed to be a four-senator bill, introduced by two Democrats and two Republicans; in fact, the same ones who sponsored the declaration of senatorial peace principles, Ball, Burton, Hatch—and Hill. But on this bill, Hill says he was "just too busy" to fill out the B2H2 leadership, so it became B2H1. Most people think the real reason is that the C.I.O. was instrumental in Hill's recent re-election.

The "too busy" treatment is likely to be applied generally to the proposal, because nothing in its announced purposes can very well be openly opposed by the unions, or anyone.

BASICALLY, the bill would require arbitrary unions to moderate their "the public be damned" policy. Disruptions of public service, such as in the Fifth avenue bus slowdown in New York recently, where the drivers just decided to run an hour or so late, as well as strikes in public utilities, milk deliveries, etc., would be prevented by judicial compulsory arbitration.

This is in the sound interest of the unions, because all now are suffering from the conspicuous public-be-damned policy of a few unions.

The bill was not written by manufacturers or employers, but by an old union lawyer, Donald Richberg, who composed the most successful labor law ever enacted, the railway labor act. Under it the railway brotherhoods have prospered better than other labor unions, and without strikes.

THE senatorial sponsors are not anti-labor people either, but somewhat left-leaning. The way they described their general purposes is this:

They would break up the competitive handling of labor thru various government agencies now, and put all conciliation and mediation activities in a new five-man board.

A second board of three would handle complaints of unfair practices by labor or employer, not just labor alone, as now.

The Wagner act would be further amended to make the unions democratic and to limit the closed shop to places where the union controls at least 75 per cent of the workers and is open to all members, and thus is not in itself a closed shop handing employment down from generation to generation in its own ranks, or otherwise limiting workers' rights.

Further logical limitations would cut down the number of captious strikes now expanding in the country. Labor could stop all the national opposition arising against it in many states where laws or constitutional changes are being advocated or enacted, to protect public interest against the unions, if they would take the mild and reasonable purposes of this bill, or alter them to suit the situation. If they would say the word to senators like Hill, the bill would go through in a minute.

Unfortunately too many labor leaders now are shortsighted reactionaries who want to defend the status quo and prevent any reform of existing unsatisfactory conditions.

So it is quite possible congress will not only wait until the strike-horse runs away, but the whole labor union barn burns down, before taking up this key to lock the door.

Entire state swelters in record heat. Portland has 90 degrees, with hot night at Eugene and Salem.

Clarence Darrow, noted Chicago lawyer, fired by the defense in Tennessee monkey trial.

Salem prison inmates yell and throw in protest against water shortage.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
June 25, 1911
(it was Sunday)
Many rich gold strikes reported in county past few days, in Applegate and Gold Hill mines.

Local lodge of Elks go by train to Klamath Falls to install lodge there.

Leonard and Alfred Carpenter, who composed the "Harvard club" here were in from the Veritas orchard today.

Publicity Helps
To the editor: The officers and men of Company A, 1st Regiment, Oregon State Guard, based in Medford, wishes to express their thanks to the editorial personnel of the Medford Mail Tribune, for publicity accorded the unit.

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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
June 25, 1925
(it was Tuesday)
Martial law for Portland district seen, as mill strike situation tension mounts.

Democrats in congress fear coalition to defeat Roosevelt tax plan.

Mussolini and Anthony Eden, British foreign minister exchange sharp views on Ethiopian issue.

Price of Bartlett pears for canneries hard to predict.

Fair and slightly warmer; high 83, low 43 degrees.

Men needed to fight pine rust and beetles in timber.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
June 25, 1925
(it was Thursday)
Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine visits Camp Jackson and sees militia.

Some sailors were having breakfast in a cafe in Portland. It was 5:30 a. m., and we were self-centered, indifferent to what went on around us. One of the sailors finally focused his attention on me and I focused right back. We were both trying to remember but the going was tough. We made the grade simultaneously.

He had been in the primary room of a school where I was principal. Even so, ours had been no casual contact. All too frequently he had been brought before me for disciplining. For a second grader that boy could get into more mischief than a teacher could contend with and not call for outside help.

According to him, he was never guilty. His first words, on approaching before me, were always, "I never done nothin', Mis' Barber. Honest I never." Blue eyes round and guileless, rosy face apprehensive, I was hard put to maintain the sternness expected of a principal.

The years had passed and now we met in a city cafe. "Your hair is gray!" he exclaimed in wonder at what time had done.

I could have said, "Your face is no longer round and rosy. You have lines which age did not put there. Something has disciplined you more sternly than I ever did; disciplined you when you 'hadn't done nothin'." and the burden of it is in your eyes. Oh, I didn't say this, but it was in my mind.

Yet many things about him were not changed. As a lad, he had been a greedy little tyke. He carried the best lunch basket in the school, yet even so, he was always trading various small items prized by small boys, for delectables other boys had in their lunch buckets. Now he was exclaiming over the lack of butter and meat and sugar on civilian menus. He said he had never realized until he came home on leave how hard civilians were having it.

Knowing of his year and a half in combat areas, his concern over us seemed a little misplaced. But he had little to say about his war experiences. His 30 days leave and his wife and baby formed the burden of his conversation. I said the going must have been pretty bad at times, his answer wiped out the years and again he was a small boy before me. For after admitting that one invasion had been "rugged," he said, "But I didn't do anything, Mrs. Barber. Really I didn't."

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D.A.V. Members to Talk Legislation At Tuesday Meet

Newest governmental legislation affecting disabled veterans will be discussed at the regular meeting of Jackson County Chapter 8, Disabled American Veterans, Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Armory.

John A. Meals, chapter commander, said that several other important matters relating to war disabled will be taken up. Disabled veterans of the community are invited to the meeting, Meals said.

A special period is set aside at each meeting to answer questions and help solve problems of discharged veterans and their families.

The women's auxiliary will hold their last meeting of the season at the same time, and will serve refreshments. After the business session arrangements will be made for the annual DAV picnic, to be held some time in July.

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