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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Today is Friday the 13th. So what? Normally, they run three to the year. This twelfth month is allocated but two. Outside of that millions have had no other good luck.

Japan is now in a diabolical jacket, and emitting the same anguished national wails as Germany, a sister bullheaded and belligerent land squealed a few weeks before she threw in a sponge.

One of the Older Girls balked at a trip to Crater Lake in a motorcycle side-car yes. She stated she would as soon go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

Some citizens allege they enjoy the heat. Others think a more appropriate month for it would be December as the pears already have more sugar in them than the OPA ceiling permits.

MALE QUARTET LOOSE (The Dalles Mountaineer) "A number of young gentlemen were on the drunk last Friday night and the noise they made was perfectly terrible."—(75 Yrs. Ago Col.)

The Allies announce only the minimum of relief food will be given Germany. The peoples of conquered lands come first. Returning GI's tell of visiting scores of homes in the Rhine and Ruhr, and in all the cellars were crammed with food and with holes for rifles and machine-guns in the stone foundations.

An air line hostess has discovered that permanent curls retain their permanency if dipped in beer and allowed to dry. This is quite a contribution to the glamour of the gals. Time, however, can be gained by taking a swig of the worse whiskeys. Several brands are reputed to curl the hair at 10 paces.

YE ED. IS TOLD (Siskiyew News) "This character's somewhat nasty reply to your correspondent's kindly letter is explicit in stating that he has but one wish—to get out of the Infantry and get out of Camp Wolters, Tex."

Rural barns and oaks are now adorned by recently returned red-headed woodpeckers (melanerpes erythrocephalus.) Their scientific name is what makes them peck.

"MOST BERLIN SHOPS CLOSED; NOTHING TO SELL BUT FOOD."—(Hdline Oregonian.)—And, nothing else to eat.

A county official is creating a minor sensation. By taking six-foot steps to save a \$15 pair of shoes, he ripped the seat of an \$18 pair of pants.

The metropolis is now infested and invaded by mosquitoes from Clark county, Wash. The pests arrive on the north wind. This is contrary to the spirit of the Interstate Commerce act, unless there is a south wind to blow them back home.

Bring Them Home!

There is a movement on foot to keep large U. S. armies in Europe, or,—

"Europe from Moscow to the English channel will go Communist before Christmas."

Well, this department has often commented upon the likelihood of such an outcome. Not before Christmas necessarily but eventually. And perhaps a large American army in Central Europe would retard such a process.

Even so, we would not favor keeping a single American soldier over there for such purpose.

If Europe is going Communist, force will be able only to delay, not prevent such an outcome.

And this department would never favor the American army,—or armies—engaging in a political war in Europe or any other foreign land for that purpose.

THE internal politics of Europe, as we see it, is not our concern,—as long as they do not threaten DIRECTLY the peace or the security of this country. Let the people of Europe decide their own political problems.

If they wish Communism, OK, let them have it. That is their baby, not ours. Above all it is not the problem of our fighting men,—on land, or sea or in the air.

OUR fighting men have done their job, which was to beat Germany. Not because of German politics, but because Germany declared war on this country, and her victory would have threatened if not destroyed the peace and security of this country.

And the only reason to keep U. S. troops over there now is to see that that job, so well done, is not UN-DONE.

When that danger is over, then bring them home; not some of them but all of them.

We have no more right,—or obligation,—to decide the internal politics of any country in Europe by force than any country in Europe has the right or obligation to decide ours by the same methods!—R.W.R.

It Isn't True

We wonder if those who claim the United Nations pact violates the Monroe doctrine and the Pan-American union have ever read the pact or have any idea of what the two policies mean?

The Monroe doctrine of course is merely a tradition, a practice, it has never been put in writing.

The Pan-American union idea—its essence at least—is embodied in the Treaty of Chapultepec drawn up in Mexico City the first of this year.

THE heart of the first is that the United States has a prior and special interest in the western hemisphere and its development and any challenge to that priority or right by any foreign power would be considered an unfriendly act.

The essence of the Pan-American union is that the republics of North and South America have a common interest and should work together for the social material and political betterment of their member nations individually and collectively.

WHEN the Security conference at San Francisco first assembled, the one great fear on the part of practically all Latin American countries was that the formation of this new league might destroy, or impair the authority, of the Treaty of Chapultepec.

We happen to know that two representatives of South American countries declared unofficially that if this should be the result of their deliberations they would withdraw and their countries would not sign the charter.

SEVERAL weeks were spent in committee, threshing out and trying to reach a satisfactory solution.

Finally such a solution was reached via the so-called regional agreements. That it was satisfactory to both the proponents of the League and the members of the Pan-American union, was amply demonstrated by the fact that unlike many compromises there were no criticisms or complaints,—at least none publicly delivered regarding this matter at any time.

THE essential feature of this agreement was the official acknowledgment by the United Nations that the United States has special interests in the western hemisphere and so have the nations of Pan-America their own special concerns and in case of serious trouble or threat of military aggression, nothing should impair the right of any nation or nations to defend themselves, and the new League would keep hands off until the trouble should threaten world peace.

How then can any honest critic of the new pact maintain that it violates or when put in operation will violate the Monroe doctrine and the Pan-American union?

Where is the evidence to support such a statement? There is none. For the statement just isn't true. R.W.R.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Favors Universal Training

To the editor,—I read with interest your editorial of July 8 on "War Breeds War."

agree with you that "such action will mean following the example of an imperialistic and militaristic Europe which we engaged in a conflict to destroy." With the exception of Germany, Italy and Spain, all the other nations of Europe were more or less democratic, although most of them were imperialistic. France, Holland, Belgium and England for instance. But, except for the most imperialistic of them all, namely England, as far as I can recall, I think they all had compulsory military

training. Of course the reason of it was the fear of attack. But can it be said that we can safely eliminate any fears of attack in the future.

I have followed up your very interesting and informative articles from San Francisco, and it is quite apparent that the charter is no guarantee against future wars or for a lasting peace. You, yourself admit that.

Because a man learns to be a boxer or wrestler that is no sign that he is bent on knocking out or choking anyone to death on the least provocation. He probably learns these arts for self protection, and it gives him a feeling of self-confidence besides perhaps giving him better health and muscular development. The same may be said for a year's military training.

But many many other things may be said in favor of such a short period of training. It develops character, the draftee gets a broader view of life generally, he mixes with many others in various stations of life. He comes out better equipped to stand the trials and tribulations of life, and at the same time he is, or ought to be, an important unit in the defense of home and country.

In Europe it was always considered time well spent and for a double purpose; more effective than so much useless book learning some go through in high school and colleges.

SYDNEY S. BARKER, Central Point.

Likes New Feature To the editor: Just a word of appreciation for the new feature on your good paper's front page, "By the Side of the Rogue," by Dale Vincent. I think some of us need to be reminded of the wonder of God's goodness to us, even though we are so ungrateful to Him. H. I. M., (Name on file.)

An Answer To Carma To the editor: Just a line in answer to Mrs. Carma McCarty of Trail, Oregon. In the first place if she's a farmer why doesn't she raise her butter, milk, cheese and home products so she won't have to spend her ration points?

Sure, sugar is scarce but so is good sense it seems. There's plenty of syrups, honey and saccharin to sweeten our coffee and cereals. But I'll bet \$10 of any man's money the soldiers in the Pacific aren't able to go to a store and get any. Simple reasons—they are too busy trying to give us cranks at home a decent place to live in after this war is over.

If Carma is short on butter she ought to try K rations for a week. They're a long way from delicious. I'm sorry if I hurt her feelings but America is the best-fed nation and we should appreciate the fact our children can have the necessary foods, and all they can eat at that. Margie Stevenson.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon Washington, July 13—Senator Taft has been playing Horatius at the senate bridge, holding back the Bretton Woods world financial agreements, but soon he will have to swim for it. Many objective men with thorough knowledge of the complex subject think he is right, but know he cannot stand against the avalanche of propaganda organized shrewdly by the treasury to thrust its program through. The bankers, for instance, marched out openly demanding rather mild guarantees to safeguard the \$18,000,000,000 bank and exchange funds from abuses, and ran into a hurricane from the treasury wind machines, which blew their hats and nearly

by their business into the gutter. ATTACKS upon "bankers" swept from a thousand mimeograph machines, and the impression was created that the only citizens who doubted that this Keynes-White scheme would provide a financial heaven on earth were—hiss this, please—"bankers," "reactionaries," and "tories."

The Hillman C.I.O.-P.A.C. published an expensive booklet on this line, and Mrs. Roosevelt chimed in at the last moment. The bankers retrieved their hats, announced the fractional acceptance of some of their points by the house committee would make the scheme acceptable—and retired from the fray. (They need not worry much, for selfish reasons, as all the bank does is to guarantee their international loans and the exchange fund tends to guarantee them against loss in handling foreign exchange.)

THE dwindling crowd behind Taft does not include many bankers, but mostly economics and finance professors from the leading universities (Harvard, Chicago, California, Columbia, et al.) A class of citizens supposed to be above earthly political considerations when it was promoting the new deal.

Many of these do not think it will work. In fact, the most objective experts I have consulted believe the basic theory was promoted by Lord Keynes to restore the British pound and world trade, which is a desirable ambition and necessary goal, but he and the treasury's White worked out the program in accordance with spending theories—free money, loose money, little interest, unbankable security, etc., on the principle that a bad loan is a good thing because it gives away money to spend. They really believe this.

THE world political settlement at San Francisco gets away from that same old line in politics, which held "the United States cannot be prosperous unless the world is prosperous" (State Secretary Stettinius). The final chapter comes closer to the new and more popular theory of Adm. King, holding that the world cannot be prosperous unless the United States is kept prosperous (hence we should look to ourselves first, others next, watching the debt, keeping naval bases, not disbursing our resources loosely, etc.)

This change of line, represented in the charter, came too late to have any effect on the Bretton Woods financial agreements, made much earlier in the midst of our war propaganda about us feeding everyone and saving everyone.

The charter keeps our conquering armies in position as the A-1 peace priority, lets the navy (they say) keep its Pacific bases outside the trusteeship system and does not give away much. The air agreement at Chicago, somewhat like Bretton Woods, proposes to give away considerable business to foreign airlines. It also was made earlier, when the nation was under the give-away spell, although it contains restrictions, and Russia refused to go into it (a separate agreement with her now is secretly in the making, and may be taken up at the Berlin meeting).

BUT Horatius himself with all his mythological powers could not swerve the Bretton Woods formulas away from their basic give-it-away plane today without being labeled a "fascist" or something similar. This is not an observation. It is a report on majority sentiment in the senate, where the inclination runs deeply in favor of letting the give-it-away boys get away with this one, largely because they believe in it so fanatically, and will murder a lot of senatorial characters unless they do.

As for Taft, he will await his reward in coming years when the \$18,000,000,000 runs dry and more money is needed, or the program otherwise disintegrates through its own looseness. That time may not be as far off as you might guess.

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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 July 13, 1935 (It Was Saturday) Upstate sizzles in record heat. Portland reports 105 degrees. National business flays heavy New Deal spending and new tax schemes. Mrs. Waley convicted of aid in kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, 9, and faces life term. Fair and continued warm. High 97, low 61 degrees. Pardon hearing granted L. A. Banks, local agitator and orchardist, serving life term for murder. THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY July 13, 1911 (It Was Thursday) Masons order construction of new building at Main and Holly. Fair. High 92, low 52 degrees. Three forest fires started by lightning. First Bartlett's sell in Chicago for \$4.10 per box. Use Mail Tribune Want Ads. WASHING MACHINES REPAIRED Parts & Service on All Makes B. & B. WASHER SHOP 406 E. Main Phone 5302

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