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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

A six hour day is now proposed. After subtracting two hours to get to work, two hours for lunch and two hours to get back home, not much time is left for toil.

The C. Wig Ashpole boy, Chuck, bagged a buck that weighed 185 pounds without the hand of Paw, a former butcher, on the scales.

A University of Chicago aviant suggested to the Senate on Monday, that the big cities of the land be scattered over the landscape before the atomic bomb does, in the next war.

POLITICIAN AT WORK (Stockton (Cal.) Record)
The News must be aware that when the Senator moved from the equable climate at Atherton to Orange County several years ago he also said it was for his wife's health.

During September, the first month of unrationed gasoline, 2,830 people were killed in auto accidents, the National Safety Council reports. The report adds: "This is nearly 3 times the number of Americans killed in the battle of Tawara. Demon Gasoline!"

Smoke clouds rising over the waters of Crater Lake give rise to theories a new volcano is in the making. The clouds are composed of gas and steam. Nothing definite is known relative to the source of the hot air, except that it is not emanating from a politician.

BURY THE HATCHET!
While we're on the subject, let us add that we think the Medford-Klamath games afford an opportunity for developing wholesome inter-community visitations and neighborliness that has been unfortunately ignored in the past. On these occasions, why shouldn't there be open houses and other social festivities by organizations with units in the two towns as well as more visiting among personal acquaintances?—(Mac Epley in Klamath Falls New-Herald).

It required 100,000 tons of steel to build the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco.

Editorial Correspondence

New York City, Oct. 25—Came in to see the good ship "Missouri"—Mother "Mo" as some of the boys call her. Around 60,000 people had the same idea. At least that is the number the police estimate visited the greatest battleship in the world yesterday.

We weren't smart in choosing the hour,—around noon. All the gals came in from the shirt-waist-and-dress district to see the ship, during their lunch hour. Those who didn't chew a peripatetic sandwich chewed gum. Some had their boy friends with them.

Anything that wasn't nailed down, or imbedded in the oak-deck like the bronze surrender-plate, was carried off. This is euphemistically called "souvenir-hunting,"—but the sailor boy who lost his cigarette lighter and another who left \$1.50 on his desk and couldn't find it when he returned, had another word for it. A third war hero lost a hat which cost him \$19.

The big attraction aboard the ship was the above-mentioned bronze plate commemorating the surrender of the Japanese in Tokyo Bay, which naturally everyone wished to see. But seeing was not enough for the majority. They also wanted to scrape it with their feet, rub it with their hands, and some treated it as if it were the Blarney stone.

At one point in this heel-and-toe pilgrimage—it moved at a pace not exceeding one hundred yards an hour,—a roped-off aperture in the deck appeared down which everyone, who could get near, peered. We admit being among the number. At the bottom of the steel ladder a round-faced sailor boy was gazing aloft as he scraped dough from his hands and forearms.

"Ain't he cute," said one of the junior Misses to her gum-chewing pal. "He sure is," agreed the pal, admiringly. "Say, sailor boy," she added, "don't you want some sugar down there?" "Ain't sugar rationed in this town?" asked the boy.

We have often heard of sailors falling in love with their ships and can well understand it with "Mother Mo." Even to a frank layman and landlubber like the undersigned, this huge battleship gives one a genuine thrill. This is especially true when one views the ship as a whole and from the front,—it is huge, yet graceful and designed like a racing yacht with a long, lance-like steel prow that under full power would undoubtedly cut any ship afloat in two.

Then too everything is new about the "Mo" and of the latest design and that helps. Aside from bringing down 11 Jap planes the Missouri, in fact, has seen little action. This is true inside and out, no one was allowed in the officers' quarters, but a glimpse through a porthole indicated the men on "Mother Mo" live more luxuriously at sea than most New Yorkers, who looked her over, do on land!

There are, of course, more guns and heavier ones than there were on the battle-scarred "Enterprise"—even more anti-aircraft batteries. Three types in fact on the Missouri,—those that pick off planes a mile or two away, those that are effective at 500 to 1,000 yards, and the little spray guns that are for close work,—when the "suicide" planes come in.

It was a relief to get out of that crowd and enjoy a quiet luncheon with nothing to do,—or hear,—but look over the afternoon paper. A reminder of the antagonism between the army and naval forces, was contained in the statement of Admiral King that he opposes a unified war command, for fear this country might suffer a military (army) dictatorship. We can imagine how General Marshall greeted that pronouncement from his old associate and pal!

Also had time to read over President Truman's speech favoring universal military training. We grant his statement with that of General Marshall presents an extremely strong case for prompt adoption of such a program. In fact we agree with every promise, we just don't agree with the conclusion that A YEAR of universal military training is the answer,—the BEST answer and the ONLY one.

It seems to this department those who insist upon universal military training now, make the same mistake, that professional military men almost always make,—they judge the next war by the last one. If there is another war,—and someday we fear there will be,—it will be a war so COMPLETELY different from any other war that has ever occurred, that any training for it, based upon the past, as would be the training now proposed,—would be thrown away; MIGHT make it even more difficult rather than less so, to quickly assemble the most effective war-machine.

As to the argument a year's military training would be of physical and psychological benefit to our young men, there is truth to that no doubt.

But if THAT is the object, we believe a far more beneficial and desirable program could be devised than to devote a year, in the most important period of a young man's life, to training for a war, the exact nature of which can't be known, and for the immediate present at least can't even be imagined.

Far better as we see it, to concentrate first on scientific research along naval and military lines; second, on a super air-fleet ready at any moment to take action; and third, on a physical and mental-culture non-military program,—to see that our youth do not suffer the wholesale mental and physical infirmities, in the future, that were revealed by the draft in the war that has just ended. "That's all for today, more tomorrow."—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

Not the happiest hour a sailor sees
When he's down
At an inland town
With his sweetheart on his knees,
Yo Ho!
And his arms around her waist.
—Gilbert

Crosby and Garbo are to be co-starred in a film. Greta will play a countess; Bing, a traveling salesman. Sounds interesting. Wonder what line of goods Crosby will handle in portraying a traveling salesman. Perhaps he will be selling pianos. That would give him a chance to croon something like "Pennies From Heaven" while demonstrating a baby grand. Or may be he will be selling popular priced pianos. While demonstrating a piano to the countess he could get reckless and start doing some fancy flying. That would give Garbo a chance to say: "I want to go home."

It a box of Havanas, boys! . . . U. S. navy men with three or more children are eligible for discharge. There are over ninety thousand men in the naval forces who are fathers of three or more children. Some profligate papas, those navy boys.

Plastic Surgery
Plastic surgery continues to advance rapidly. Nose alteration is now considered a comparatively simple operation. The shape of the nose is nearly the most important factor in a woman's looks. As far as rejuvenation is concerned almost any woman can manage to look 10 or 15 years younger with the aid of clever plastic surgery.

Asking
Queries from Clients. Q. How old is the Flatiron Bldg., Manhattan? How long is it since the gay blades gathered at the Flatiron corner to get a furtive glimpse of a shapely ankle on windy days when the attire of passing women was blown about? A. The Flatiron building was built in 1902. I couldn't say how long it is since the prospect of seeing a shapely ankle was sufficient inducement for a man to hang around the Flatiron corner on a windy day. Must be at least 40 years ago. Q. You say "drink a highball" is a Wesleyan university song. It is a University of Pennsylvania song. A. My belief is that this song was written by a Wesleyan man and first sung at that university. If you can prove I am wrong the stogie is yours. Q. Are you familiar with a poem titled "A Better One Than You"? A. Can't say I am. However, you may have in mind the following lines of Rupert Brooke:

And I shall find some girl perhaps
And a better one than you,
With eyes as wise but kinder
And lips as soft, but true
And I dare say she will do.

Sidelights
The man in the store said he had no bourbon. "To get bourbon they want to force me to buy more rum. I already have more rum than I can sell." This is a state of affairs which should not exist. There should be a legal way for the small store owners to prevent it. . . . ever hear of Don Bernardo Duggan? He is an Argentine rancher and owns the largest herd of Herefords in the world. Don Bernardo recently paid \$12,000 for one prize winning Hereford bull.

Axis Sally
Axis Sally, the Tokyo Rose of the European front, was recently sentenced to four and a half years in jail. It doesn't seem enough. In her English language broadcasts from Italy this throaty-voiced siren signed off with: "Good-night, boys—and a sweet kiss from Sally." Allied soldiers pictured Sally, whose real name was Rita Louisa Zucca, as quite an oomph girl. They had her figured as a tall, terrific, shapely brunette. A British newspaper covering the trial described her as "33 years old, dumpy, bandy-legged, sallow and with a fearsome squint." A British soldier on guard in the courtroom took one look at Axis Sally and exclaimed: "Crokey! Is that the piece of cheese that made me sigh for home and sweetheart when we were lying in the mud in front of Cassino?"

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Eagle Point Navy
Man Given Medal
For Heroic Action
G. H. Simmons, shipfitter, first class, USNR, of Eagle Point, has been awarded the bronze star medal for heroism in action while serving in the Pacific with Underwater Demolition Team 18, according to an announcement from the United States Fleet Distribution Center.

Washington, Oct. 31 — The Moscow dispatches said Mr. Truman's declaration of the new American foreign policy heartened Moscow. But no heartening and no change was immediately evident in Moscow's actions. The very same day the Russian delegation walked out of the United Nations food conference in Quebec, and in newspaper columns parallel to those reporting the heartening were stories of the communists unleashing their army of a million men upon China in civil war.

A break in the stalemated condition had been hopefully promised between the lines of some comment from the past few days — since Ambassador Gromyko's visit brought Truman and Stalin into correspondence. The grapevine here has been reporting Russia is loosening up, that Stalin went away for that month to think things over and decided the Russian tactics at London, which broke up the peace conference, should be moderated.

ENTHUSIASTS with large ears to very small spots of ground here have heard Russia is coming wholeheartedly in to the world organization. These hopes have not reached print in any formidable way, but they are present behind the renewed negotiations.

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Simultaneously an old note has crept back into the dispatches from Moscow. A very famous writer for a large American newspaper lectured Americans, when he announced Mr. Truman had "heartened" the Russians. He said we must realize Stalin is suspicious of us. This note has been taken up by other commentators, who say the whole problem now is whether this government can appease the suspicions of Russia.

WHEN this note comes into any discussions, I go out. This is the basis by which Russia never lost a point in dealing with Mr. Roosevelt. There are no valid grounds for Russian suspicions of any nation right now, including Stalin. The thought of attacking Russia does not exist anywhere in the American mind. A fear of Russia is present in this country, but it is not an offensive fear (in the military or diplomatic meaning of offensive). We all know this.

So when they start that old stuff and nonsense, it can only suggest propaganda is being laid for appeasement again. Consequently genuine hopes for sound settlement may not prove justified even if one is announced.

THE Russian walkout from Quebec, for instance, was predicated upon something more tangible and obvious than ill-founded suspicions. This was a conference of the nations to promote food production throughout the world and make people eat more of it—an ideal which should be right down the Russian alley if she needs the help from us she has been requesting. Her delegates to that conference demanded representation there for an extraneous organization which has nothing to do with food—the world trade unions federation.

This WTUF is the international labor organization which our C. I. O.'s Hillman bit on, with results similar to the mastication of a green persimmon. He went to Paris for its convention a few weeks back only to find the Russians in charge of the convention bringing in a report allowing them voting strength for 27,000,000 union workers, while Hillman and the British were allowed a small fraction.

The British could not accept such a swallowing of the international interests of their unions. A compromise was worked out which gave the Russians only about 80 per cent domination of WTUF instead of 90 per cent.

The Reds even got representation for unions in Romania (which they occupy) although the British laborite Sir Walter Citrine publicly said he had never heard of a union in Romania. Russia also showed control for French and Mexican labor.

NATURALLY the food conference could not inconspicuously seat these people, as the Russians well knew. The raising of such an issue could only have been an excuse for withdrawal.

Similarly before the ink was dry on the Asiatic peace treaties by which the Russians agreed to withdraw from Asia and keep their Chinese communists quiet, the communists started a civil war. Not only this, but Moscow reared and demanded order of Gen. MacArthur and a joint hand in administering Japan. She had been in that war 25 days (which, incidentally she entered in violation of her treaty with Japan).

On the plain face of events, there seems good ground for suspicions but can these be cleared by appeasement? It is singularly clear that they must be dispelled by actions from Moscow, restoring valid basis for confidence.

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The Right Spirit
Illustration of a man and woman with milk cans labeled 'FARM INCOME', 'FAMILY NEEDS', and 'VICTORY BONDS'. Speech bubbles say: 'GET ALL THE CREAM, HOWARD, WE CAN STILL GET ALONG ON THE SKIM MILK' and 'SURE WE CAN AND UNCLE SAM IS PAYING GOOD MONEY FOR THE USE OF THIS CREAM'.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon
AT LONG LAST, the house public lands committee this week voted to report favorably my bill, H. R. 2593. The purpose of this bill is to settle a dispute of years standing between the department of the interior and the department of agriculture as to the legal status of certain forest lands.

Being legally a part of the original O & C grant, the O & C administration in the department of the interior has considered these 460,000 acres as a part of the O & C lands. Since they were unsurveyed at the time the national forest boundaries were set, the forest service included the same lands in the forest reserve. My bill, when passed, will make the lands in dispute a part of the O & C area.

One section of the above mentioned bill is extremely important to those who are interested in prospecting and mining. It provides that all of the lands in the O & C administration shall be "open to exploration, location, entry and disposition under the mineral land laws of the United States, and all mineral claims heretofore located upon said lands, if otherwise valid under the mineral land laws, are hereby declared valid to the same extent as if such lands had remained open to exploration, location, entry and disposition under such laws from August 28, 1937, to the date of enactment of this act."

This section of the bill takes the place of a separate bill which I had previously introduced for the same purpose. A third section of the bill, which will greatly improve the administrative situation with respect to both O & C and forest service lands is that the checker-board pattern of ownership will be eliminated by exchanges between the forest service and the O & C administration.

This bill is a little too technical to be described in a general letter, but I shall be glad to answer any inquiries concerning it.

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Danish Commies Gain in Election
Copenhagen, Oct. 31 — (U.P.) — Denmark's liberal and communist parties cut deeply into the strength of the social-democratic party in yesterday's general election, final returns showed today. The social democrats, who campaigned for election on a pledge of nationalization of industry, retained only 48 of their 66 seats in the last lower house of parliament, but still had a slight plurality.

BIRTHS
COLEMAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald, Central Point, Oct. 30, 1945, a girl, 7 1/2 pounds, at Community hospital.
STEPHENSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Dale, 107 Mistletoe, Oct. 30, 1945, a boy, 6 1/2 pounds, at Community hospital.

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