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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Percy

Flaming objects flashing through the northern California and Nevada skies cause astronomers to scratch their heads.

They fly too high to be high school jeeps with nine glaring headlights.

Male members of the Mikado's imperial household have agreed to go to work.

Heretofore, they had to enter the fighting services of the empire.

If they don't work any better than they fought, there is no record of flow of perspiration.

Herman W. Goering, the fat Nazi war criminal on trial at Nuernberg, has renounced the Hitler doctrines, and claims he sided religion and the church at all times.

No doubt evidence will be introduced to show that after massacres and bombings in conquered lands, he took up a collection among the survivors.

NO TWIN BLESSINGS (Grant Paws Bulletin)

"In a lighter vein, we all should be thankful that we have only one president and NO MORE representatives and senators in Washington to further bungle our national and international affairs."

The curtain fell Saturday on football, throughout the land, and in this commonwealth.

Half-back Jake Leitch, more or less assisted by 10 other fellows, was unable to defeat Oregon State, singlehanded, but made a noble stagger at it.

Grant High of Portland and outwitted Hood River, 13 to 0 for the state title.

Both contests, the cream of the gridiron, were played in the traditional mud, and just as traditional rain, or threatening too.

The attendance at Eugene was 20,000, and at Portland 10,000.

After the rent, etc., is paid, this should leave enough to buy grass seed, and drainage pipe for the producing of a couple of real turf fields.

The Detroit youth who fled with \$20,500 of his Paw's money, and two "attractive co-eds," will not be formally punished.

All have returned, including \$19,236, of the swag.

The young man found it in a closet of his home.

Bank vaults are still the safest place for the storing of spondulicks.

The wind blew gustily and with gusto last night, airing out pioneer whiskers, whistling around corners, and leaving nothing in the trees but last year's bird nests.

The bird nests do not look as bad, as generally reported, and reputed.

Last week was "Victory Over Inflation" week.

Many doubt it will stay licked the other 51 weeks.

WHAT GOES ON?

To Whom This May Concern: The box taken from my backyard was delivered to me by a true friend and explained that the same belonged to me, but my slow and humble brain does not allow me to thoroughly understand.

In view of the above facts the ignorance attached thereto, I believe, gives me the liberty to say, that if the party who removed the box in question from said backyard on the date mentioned above, will come to me like a man and fully explain, I will thank him very, very much.—(Exchange).

FIRE TRAGEDY

Metropolis, Ill., Dec. 3.—(U.P.) Eight men were burned to death Saturday in a fire which swept through a home for the aged here, police reported.

Editorial Correspondence

Boston, Mass., Nov. 27.—If there are any apples in the valley we suggest a few car loads be sent to Boston. The fruit dealer at the corner of Commonwealth and Massachusetts says he could sell a car-load a week but he can only get a few boxes,—he prefers Yellow Newtowns or Delicious. With apples selling at a dime each there should be money in it.

Out to Wellesley, which we haven't visited since around the turn of the century. Nothing looked familiar except the old stone B. and A. station, the stone City hall up the hill nearby where the Banjo club once gave a concert, and the lake.

We searched in vain for the old-fashioned red brick building on the hill where we used to wait with great expectation for a sweet young lady with blue eyes, pink cheeks and molasses-candy hair,—she also rowed bow-oar on the crew but not because of her muscle.

Ah, them were the days! Had we known then she was fated to marry a doctor and have twins, and later 11 grandchildren, we would have been completely crushed and probably jumped into the lake with a flat-iron on either foot. But not knowing it we had a very pleasant time.

And then there was the Wellesley Inn,—or the College Inn,—but we couldn't find that either. Instead, one huge Tudor chateau after another, the most magnificent series of elegant fireproof dormitories and halls and laboratories and libraries and gyms and boat-houses and what have you, we have ever seen. We can say this, whatever Wellesley college may be scholastically or from the standpoint of "style," it has the most beautiful NATURAL setting of any college for women in America. It holds the same place Princeton does in the same category for men.

We saw many of the girls,—again mostly sweaters and short sport skirts, bare legs and bobby socks; healthy husky girls, most of them riding bicycles with wire book-baskets on the handle bars. And we should say having a wonderful time.

"Ah, to be young, beautiful sweet sixteen, with nothing to do but nourish the bean!" We were overtaken by one group coming pell mell out of class and couldn't help but overhear the following choice bit of conversation:

"But Thanksgiving dates are poison,—never going on another one,—you know he was such a nice man, really was, and now imagine,—he is married and has a year-old baby! And last year,—the rest was lost in scuffling feet and laughter as the girls went piling down the hill.

What has Boston got no other large American city has? We have decided it is age. New York, Chicago, San Francisco, New Orleans, even Philadelphia and Washington would impress a visitor from Mars as essentially young, progressive, up and coming, growing American communities. But Boston NEVER. When one can buy a knick knack at Woolworth's and then cross the street and eat lunch on Paul Revere's grave—if you have been smart enough to bring lunch with you!—there is no doubt the community you are in has grown up!

This General Motors strike is of more than usual significance and if that meeting in Washington between labor and management is still on—and we believe it is,—the situation in Detroit should receive the gathering's serious attention.

For here is a vital issue which must be amicably settled if the capitalistic system in this country is to endure.

The issue is not essentially one of wages but one of management. Who are to manage a large industry like General Motors, the men who OWN it, or the men who WORK for it?

That is the milk in this cocoon as we get it from the newspaper reports.

The automobile unions claim they have a right to look over the books of General Motors and decide whether the corporation can afford to give a 30 per cent raise in wages or not,—and a raise without increasing the price of their cars.

The G. M. management maintains that isn't the business of labor,—organized or unorganized,—that that is their own business, and must be exclusively their own decision. It is labor's job, they insist, to work for what management decides management can afford to pay and if labor doesn't like it, labor can quit, but they can't snoop around the corporation's books.

Twenty years ago, this G. M. contention would not have been questioned for a moment. But today it is, in the future will be even more, and there can be no doubt of this: there is a direct and important relation in any industry between wages and profits. On the other hand it is not the right or function of labor to take a hand in business management, unless this country wishes to follow the Russian example and go over to the dictatorship of the proletariat entirely. We would like to see President Truman's committee take up the problem. Sooner or later it must be solved if there is to be any labor-capital peace.—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

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The soldier from the war returns, The sailor from the main; But I have parted from my love, Never to meet again. My dear, Never to meet again, When day is gone and night is come, And all folk bound to sleep, I think on him that's gone away The long-lag night, and weep, My dear, The long-lag night and weep, My dear.—Brooks.

"You write too much about yourself and I want it stopped," complains a Detroit subscriber. Following our long established policy this complaint was investigated. Checking back, by the lone, on past columns I find I have written eighty-four per cent about other people, thirteen per cent about Brooklyn, two and one half per cent about my dog and one half of one per cent about myself. However, as our aim is to please the clientele I will cut down talking about myself. So I will not tell you again about my new grey flannel suit or mention the elegant pair of tan shoes for which I paid \$22.50 and expect to last me ten years.

Horses & Women

"What is the best day to date a plane hostess?" a subscriber, having difficulty in that respect, asked our Horses & Women experts who suggested a gift accompanied by a note expressing appreciation of the service after the trip. Then a second trip was suggested on which the matter of a date be diplomatically approached. On these suggestions two plane hostesses have written in to comment: "The gift is approved. The diplomatic approach is favored. The idea of waiting for a second trip to suggest a date is opposed. Really, Eddie, the man will have to work faster than that to get space for a second flight with the same hostess is a highly involved matter. The man might not see the girl again for months. Date should be made before he departs. He who hesitates is lost," said Shakespear. Or was it Tommy Manville?"

Passing By

Jimmy Kelly, veteran cafe maestro. It was at Jimmy's restaurant and night club on the lower East Side of Manhattan that Irving Berlin was introduced to Ellen MacKay. Irving was eating scallopini and mushrooms at the time and that is what is always served to him at home now on the anniversary of the date he first met the charming girl who was to become his wife.

Asides

"I am a green-eyed seventeen-year-old brownette," writes a Detroit lover. I average eight whistles a day and have received six proposals in the past four months. And I wear glasses! Ask Dorothy Parker what she thinks of that."

"Here is something for Brooklyn and California to try to top," writes a Long Islander. "A man and a woman were walking through the underpass to the westbound trains at Hollis, L. I. They suddenly stopped. The man had his hands in his pockets and a cigarette in his mouth and he kissed the woman without removing either."

Please Note

It was Oliver Wendell Holmes who said: "In order to know whether a human being is young or old, offer it food of different kinds at short intervals. If young, it will eat anything at any hour of the day or night if old, it observes stated periods."

Do you want to attract attention and get a lot of publicity for your shop? Get a baby turpentine and call him Sylvester. Then put Sylvester in your shop window along with a sign reading, "Watch Him Grow!"

Sidelights

When the sportscribes discuss fighters of the yesteryear why do they practically always omit to mention Dave Shade of California? I always considered Dave a great and picturesque ringman. . . . To young gentlemen who aspire to be taller, "Why Be Short?" by Paul O'Neill should be a very interesting book. It explains how a short

man can make himself appear taller.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 3.—World War III is in the making, testifies Patrick Hurley, fresh from China. We are drifting toward war with Russia with certainty and speed, asserts democratic Senator Johnson, of Colorado. These are not extraordinary, but rather common utterances of general opinion.

Yet in China the issue is moving toward stabilization. Through the strained honey-bunk of political arguments, events are penetrating inevitably. The Chinese army has our modern equipment and training.

The communists had only the arms they were able to steal or capture from the Japs. The course of nature, therefore, required the communists to fight and lose, or retire to the northern hills. They are doing both.

THE United States army has provided transportation to the Chinese to extend their re-occupation of their country. This is natural, as the established government of south China (Chiang Kai-shek and the Kuomintang) was our war ally and member of the Big Five of the United Nations.

No government anywhere recognizes the communist government of the northern provinces. They got no lend lease, Russia could not furnish the communists arms except by treacherous violation of the UNO agreements. Salin thus has let the latest China affair work toward its natural destiny, and so have we.

The bulk of China thus seems likely to be stabilized soon, but its communist problem may not be solved. The communists back in their mountain lair will never be a threat to an equipped China, unless they get Russian arms, and Russia cannot furnish these under its world treaties. But a solution of their status will remain.

THIS example of the progress of affairs is typical of the condition elsewhere in the world. In Europe, the political conflicts raised by communism are marching event by event toward stabilization though not solution.

The Austrian election settled the question there, excluding the communists. The French elections finally caused the communists to congeal with their worst enemies, the socialists or threaten to do so. To date, communism seems working toward a lower level of power in France. Elsewhere, the world is settling down one way or another, sometimes fitfully, toward a new status quo.

My private diplomatic information suggests that as soon as it does settle down, renewed Russian co-operation is in prospect.

THE enigmatic policy of the Soviets has been authoritatively pictured to me as a diplomatic game to hold the UNO world peace agreements in abeyance until Stalin could find out how much he could get otherwise; how much territory and power he could accumulate around the world, before entering upon the San Francisco deal to maintain thereafter a permanent world status quo. It is pressure politics he is playing, not a war game, our best-informed people think.

If they are wrong in their current waiting game (which seems working well enough so far), it must be said respect for Russian warpower is not high anywhere on this continent.

Russia did not have much power in this past war except endless manpower. Her weapons were not superior. She has no air force today, comparable to Britain, much less to ours. She has no fleet. She cannot threaten the world by either sea or air.

Her vast land armies could overrun Europe and Asia, only if and after the United States demobilizes. Until we destroy our armed superiority, dismantle our planes and ships, war is unthinkable for the Russians.

Eager as our soldiers are to get home, I often wonder if our demobilization policy is justifiable by the condition of the world as it is. While mothers, fathers, sons, husbands are protesting the slowness of their return to peace, the obvious world situation rather suggests

WESTINGHOUSE OFFERS COUNTER PAY PROPOSAL

Pittsburgh, Dec. 3.—(U.P.)—The Westinghouse Electric Corp. answered a union demand for a \$2-a-day wage increase today with a proposal that all Westinghouse plants, where practicable, increase their work week from five days to five and one-half with time and half-time paid for all work more than 40 hours.

George H. Bucher, Westinghouse president, said this and other proposals have been made to the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (CIO) who presented the demand for a pay increase.

SPELLMAN MENTIONED

Rome, Dec. 3.—(U.P.)—Speculation on the possible appointment of New York's Archbishop Francis J. Spellman as papal secretary of state was revived today by the disclosure of a church program to further its missionary work in the Far East through closer ties with the United States.

Closing time on Sunday 1:00 late in Closing on Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

the nation may be moving faster than prudence warrants.

In any event, war with Russia can come only through attack by her. This nation lacks the spirit of aggression. While some people may think, if they do not say, that now is the time to end the Russian threat to world peace, this nation has no heart for such tactics.

WHAT we want is peace with Russia, and we simply do not know how to get it. Appeasement failed. By it we brought Russia out of isolation up to harnessing in the UNO, but we have not been able to get her to drink. She was then walking away with everything loose in the world.

Now, our insistence upon reason and diplomatic defense of the Atlantic charter freedoms has brought a diplomatic impasse beneath which events are turning more our way. We did not fall for the communist propaganda in China, urging and trying to frighten us away from our duty to the established government, our ally.

Winter is before us; winter with its long evening and so the period when most of us do our more intensive reading. Books chosen for summer idling are mostly of the purely entertaining type; read today and forgotten tomorrow. However one summer-read book which a friend recommended I will not soon forget: Tschiffely's Ride.

The author, an English school teacher employed for a time in Buenos Aires, made the 10,000 mile trip from there to New York on horseback. A travel tale, yet the most outstanding thing about the book to me, was the author's love for his horses, Mancha and Gato. The companionship between the man and his game little ponies is the bright thread on which are strung the fascinating events of that most unusual trip.

After meeting a friend of the author of Stump Farm, Mrs. Rose, I just had to read that book. It is a book of warm reality and I shared the Rose struggles day by day as I read, their life for the time being becoming my own.

On a misguided day I picked up and read Strawberry Acres by Grace Richmond. Sachrine and pointless, it is a wonder to me how the author of so many worthwhile stories ever allowed such trivial to flow from her pen. In the catalog of my mind, I tucked Strawberry Acres beside the Elsie books.

A companionable soul, I really do like to run with the herd. Sometimes this trait leads me into errors, literary as well as otherwise. So once on another misguided day I read Anthony Adverse; read it to its last verbose sentence. There were many fine character portrayals in the book and a really abundant crop of unusual phrases. But I am not a repressed old maid; nor a developing adolescent. So the book's biological details insulted my powers of observation and experience. I have an imagination which likes a little leeway but the minutely descriptive Anthony Adverse never gave it a break.

Read the chapter on Economy in Thoreau's Walden Pond and you will carry most of your furniture to the attic. At least that is what I did. Of course two weeks later you will carry it all down again; I did.

Australia Facing Industry Tie-Up

Sydney, Dec. 3.—(U.P.)—New South Wales miners voted today in favor of a nationwide coal strike which would idle a half million workers and threaten Australia with its worst industrial tie-up since 1917.

Fewer than 5,000 of the 18,000 miners in the colony attended the strike meetings. The vote for the strike was 2,464 to 1,859.

Other districts will not complete voting until tomorrow but observers said it was unlikely they would after the four to three majority favoring the strike.

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TEN YEARS AGO December 3, 1935 (It Was Tuesday) British informed national defenses need bolstering.

Rogue Snowmen lay plans for winter sports season. Cloudy and slightly warmer. High 57, low 32.

Ken Hollis defeats Les Wolfe at Armory, is chased by irate fans. Glenn Smith tells Rotarians of rise of fascism in world.

Route is decided for Rim road around Crater Lake. THIRTY FOUR YEARS AGO December 3, 1925 (It Was Thursday)

"Skeeter" Manrud of Eugene picked to referee Medford-Balem high game next Saturday. Victor will be mythical state champion. Generally fair. High 49, low 32.

President Coolidge scored by dry enforcement advocates. League of Nations asks that United States join Russia. Tornado sweeps southern states.

TWENTY YEARS AGO December 3, 1911 (It Was Sunday) Savoy, nickel movie opens on Front street. Treasury estimates government expenses next year will be billion dollars. Citizens horrified.

Medford third city in state in number of autos. WEST UNION HELP VOTE FOR STRIKE

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Closing time on Classified Ads 8:30 p. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.

HELP SHORTAGES CAUSE OF EIGHT EUROPE CRASHES

Frankfurt, Germany, Dec. 3.—(U.P.)—A shortage of experienced fliers and maintenance crews as the result of redeployment has been the prime reason for at least eight major crashes involving the loss of 38 lives and \$1,100,000 worth of equipment on American military transport lines in Europe during the past month, a United Press survey showed today.

Other contributing causes, it was ascertained, included a lack of necessary navigational aids for flying in bad weather, inferior planes and lack of equipment such as de-icers. Air force officials, however, are not complaining about their planes or equipment as much as their under-ripened personnel.

Students of the American occupation program said they were gravely concerned over Washington's failure to take heed of the air corps plight. Unlike the ground forces, the air force needs more than just men; it needs technicians schooled for air or ground duty.

of 381 transports assigned to the East European air transport service only 141 mechanically are able to operate, and there are insufficient crews to maintain them.

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