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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Peace has its atrocities no less than war. For example:

The state saloon product, that makes bold to state on the bottle label, "colored and flavored with wood chips for less than one month!"

An Oklahoma bull, at an auction, sold for \$51,000. This is the highest price ever paid for a bull, outside the realm of politics.

A lower bracket Nazi gangster at Nuernberg, and rather boastfully, he had supervised the deaths of 90,000 persons in Russia and Poland. He further stated, the rate of execution was speeded up to relieve the housing shortage.

LIKE MR. COYLE WILL COIL "To the Editor:

I seem to have made Mr. Barnard Boyle boll. It sounds like he's moaning over the death of Tojo, Hitler and Mussolini!"

The Chinese are a peculiar people. They have agreed—the Nationalists and the Communists—to cease strife, but the shooting continues.

"TEEN AGE GIRL MISSING MONTH. FATHER REPORTS"—(Hdline Exchange)—Fond parent gets in a rush.

Berlin now reports there is doubt about the legality and regularity of the marriage of A. Hitler and Eva Braun, a few hours before they presumably committed suicide in the Reich chancellery to escape capture by the Russians. This is nothing much to make a fuss about, but in case the reports of Herr Hitler's death has been exaggerated, gives grounds to try him for bigamy.

"We apologize to Attorney Short. In our last week's items, the printers made us call him Attorney Short!"—(Piney (NM.) News)—Don't let it happen again.

The government, via its wildlife section, urges outdoor men to fish and hunt more for fun, and less for kills. It is rather difficult to picture a mighty hunter shooting off nothing but his face, in the high hills and the tall timber.

YULE RASCALITY (Klamath Falls Herald)

"Incidentally, we provided decorations for two outdoor trees—our own and that of the blankety-blanked so-and-so who stole a dozen or so of bulbs off our tree. That's stretching our personal public spiritedness to the breaking point."

The Gene Thorndike boy Bill, who has been in Europe and way points, is due home this week after disentanglement from the army. He formerly tossed a basketball ably for Old Medford.

Democrats of the nation beam the oratorical feebleness of the President. They now know how the republicans felt in 1936, when Alf Landon of Kansas let fly with words before a microphone.

SANTA MONICA GALE Los Angeles, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—A 34-mile-an-hour wind early yesterday battered five fishing boats at Santa Monica, sinking one. The windstorm ripped the covering from wing tips of two airplanes at San Fernando and uprooted some trees here.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Clothing Drive Important

When the first atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima, Wendell Willkie's "One World" suddenly became very near. We will all live on the same street in this new age ahead, and it will behoove us to get along with our neighbors, regardless of the color of their skin, the way they worship or how they wish to be governed.

Of course, we want our American democracy to spread throughout the world because we know it offers a safer as well as a richer life. We know that it means justice, freedom and equality for the great and the humble alike. We know that, in a land where men can think and speak and worship as free men, there is little room for greed and bigotry. World-wide democracy, we believe, would not tolerate international hoodlumism.

BUT we have learned that we must live democracy if we want democracy to live. We must set a good example, too, if we would have our ideology accepted elsewhere as a model for human conduct and good government in this world of tomorrow. We're not going to make lasting friends by free and indiscriminate loaning of money, for the old proverb: "Money makes not so many true friends as real enemies" holds true for nations as it does for individuals. We're not going to make lasting friends by foolishly offering our military secrets without rigid safeguards, no more than we can help to create a world brotherhood by keeping our atomic bomb secret held over other nations like a sword of Damocles.

NO, it is going to take rare and deep understanding—kindly and helpful neighborliness to keep the light of peace burning in the hearts of men—and that is the only place it can endure. It won't be easy, for civilization has worn very thin during the war-time years of barbarism and savagery.

It is going to take a lot of little "good neighbor" acts to prove our good intentions and cement a sound foundation for the peace that has now become so necessary. An opportunity for one of the finest and most far-reaching gestures of all is offered in the Victory Clothing collection which opens here and throughout the nation today. Actually, clothing is as important today as bullets were a few months ago—necessary to win a fight against the Four Horsemen who ride the bruised and battered lands across the seas. Today our foes are epidemics of pulmonary tuberculosis, bacillary dysentery, typhoid fever, diphtheria, pneumonia and other diseases spread through exposure and malnutrition.

THESE people we must help cannot lift themselves by their bootstraps—for they have no boots. America is their one hope. We must not fail them in the name of humanity. Practical self-interest calls for this neighborly help.

The ammunition in this great war against misery and despair in foreign lands is found in our attics, trunks and closets. It is clothes, shoes, bedding—all that we can spare. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is conducting the local drive under Carey Thomson's direction, with schools, civic organizations and churches lending full cooperation.

Here is, indeed, a drive that everyone should support—promptly and generously. Literally and figuratively we must clothe with faith and hope those millions whose homes were the battlefields of this war. They are our neighbors of tomorrow.—H.G.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

He counsels a divorce; a loss of her. That, like a jewel, has hung for twenty years. About his neck. Yet never lost her lustre.—Shakespeare.

(It was Napoleon who said: "Divorce is entirely to the disadvantage of women. If a man has had several wives, he shows no sign of it, whereas a woman several times married fades completely.")

A brunet Hollywoodian became a synthetic blonde. That, of course, is not unusual. But this particular cinema celebrity decided that as she had changed the color of her hair her entire house would have to be redecorated to suit her blonde personality. This was done. The expense was terrific. I suppose if this female decides later to change the color of her hair to red, which is not at all improbable, that her house will be done over again. That will be a lot of fun for her but a little hard on her husband. Have you ever noticed the extent of the feminine influence on some houses you have visited? There are houses occupied by married couples which are practically 100 per cent feminine. The husband has been entirely ignored. One of the best ways to analyze a woman's character is to take careful note of the manner in which she furnishes her house.

At Tsingtao The horses are running at Tsingtao. Before me I have a program of the Tsingtao race club forwarded by an army sergeant now stationed in China. My attention was attracted by the following notice in English on the program: "In compliance with the order received from the Tsingtao municipal authority the tax on horse racing wagers is fixed at 30 per cent."

Asking Queries from clients, Q. What did the poetic prophet say about being married on Tuesday? A. There are 26 different versions

of the poetic prophecy you refer to. There is considerable disagreement among the prophets on all days but Wednesday and Saturday. They are agreed that "To marry on Wednesday is the best day of all" and that "To marry on Saturday no luck at all."

Passing By Fred Astaire, greatest dancer ever born in Omaha, Neb. Real name Frederick Austerlitz. How many dancing partners has Fred had in films? Who was the first? And who were the others in order named? If you can answer these questions quick as a flash and a half you don't have to send me a stogie. . . Billy Conn, Pittsburgh leatherpusher. If he lasts three rounds with Joe Louis in their forthcoming bout he will be doing very well.

Careful Sex Saw a young woman stick a mutual ticket inside her shoe for safekeeping. A good idea. A woman fumbling wildly in her handbag for a winning mutual ticket she has misplaced is a pathetic figure. Women misplace or lose about five times as many things as men. Yet the females continue to stoutly claim theirs is the careful sex.

Nurses The average U. S. navy nurse is about 26½ years old. The average U. S. army nurse is around 27 years old. So states a statistician. I will have to check on that. Those nurses don't look that old to me. Especially the navy nurses. Incidentally, it was reported to this department some time ago that while the nurses of both branches of the service are equally capable from a professional standpoint the navy nurses had a slight edge from the social angle. Our informant, a captain of the U. S. marines, claimed the navy nurses were gay companions on moonlight strolls and better dancers than the army nurses.

Six Honey moons Mrs. Sylvia S. Heimick, of

Denver, Colo., who is 86 years old recently returned from her sixth honeymoon. Mrs. Heimick was 14 years old on the occasion of her first marriage. No doubt women who have married more than once spend a little time reflecting as to which of their honeymoons was the best and most romantic.

Canaries Note a pet shop offers canaries for "\$10 and up." How far up from \$10 do the prices of canaries go? I will have to look into this. Seems to me selling canaries at "\$10 and up" should be a profitable business. Maybe I'll breed canaries on my ranch when I get a ranch. If you have a canary don't forget what I once told you. That is, if too much swing music is played around the house it is likely to give a canary a nervous breakdown. When you play swing records put your canary in another room.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 7—The imagination of Jules Verne could hardly encompass the practical, official concepts of the next war, which lie behind the current debate on unification of the army and navy, the atomic bomb issue and youth draft. It is not a fully accepted theory of what



Paul Mallon

the next war will be like, but rather the practical vision of the unhidebound and thinking men of the military trade.

It seems to me to be so sound that I unhesitatingly present it as authentic, even though it has not been offered publicly beyond the limited reports of air corps Gen. Arnold. Furthermore, it furnishes the key to the congressional issues under debate, to-wit:

POINT 1. The next war will be fought on our own soil. This is a logical expectation, because this nation has no mental capacity for aggression, but only for defense, and science has destroyed the value of our geographical ramparts (the two broad oceans and two vast, weak and sympathetic adjoining nations).

Point 2. The invasion will come from Europe or Asia or both simultaneously. This is certain because the only nations which could conceivably oppose us politically and who have the military resources to challenge us are in those two continents.

Point 3. Practical military theory would require an invader to lay down a bombardment of directed missiles across the great circle route of arctic waste upon our larger cities. The logical point of attack would not be New York or San Francisco, but Chicago, through which all the great arteries of east-west travel run, and the Detroit area, origin of motor production.

These conceivably could be severed and destroyed by missiles much larger than the V-2, probably including the atomic bomb. The prospect of attack no doubt would contemplate leveling the big auto plants and Chicago and its vast rail yards as flat and thoroughly as Nagasaki was destroyed. It could be followed by direct bombing attacks from airplanes.

No doubt both methods would be used in any thorough scheme. From a military standpoint, these ventures would have the nature of an artillery bombardment, a preparation for attack.

Point 4. The invading army would come entirely by air. An initial force of 10,000 to 20,000 planes carrying 40 or more men each could seize the destroyed area. Their weapons and tanks would come by air, as would their supplies. Daily reinforcements could build up their forces, conceivably within a week's time to the power of a substantial army.

Greatest enemy hazard of the attack no doubt would be to secure air cover for the landed army, but this could be provided if fields along the route across the arctic were seized simultaneously by the invaders and stocked with fighter planes and supplies.

Our problem would be to muster greater military air and land power at the points of invasion and build it up faster than the invaders could build up their forces, pushing planes, tanks and men in to annihilate the invading forces. The speed with which this defense could be put into action would decide the outcome of the invasion.

THIS, at any rate, is the bare nucleus of the next war's prospects as of today. It seems to say primarily that unification of the armed forces is essential. Complete co-ordination and immediate use of every weapon would be necessary. The navy would protect commercial sea and air lanes and bases in the oceans, but the primary responsibility would rest upon

the air, land and supply forces of both branches of the service. It would seem to require also the maintenance of a scientific and substantial air and land force equipped and ready to move at a moment, since speed is the critical point. The youth draft would be of little consequence in such a war. The war could well be over before such reserves could be mustered.

Now science, terrified at its own discovery of atomic destruction, wants to prepare our defense on the use of their weapon. This no doubt will be done, but unless all the natural laws of war and human beings are simultaneously repealed, and men become angels all of a sudden, every effective weapon will be used in the next war as in all past wars.

Scientists say poison gas was outlawed and not used in this past war. It was not used because it was not an effective weapon—and only for that reason. It required perfect weather conditions and the slightest deviation in weather could make the gas more destructive to users than to their enemy.

But gas has been used in violation of treaties. Mussolini used it in Ethiopia when his hard-pressed Italians could not clear out the barefoot natives any other way. His planes sprayed mustard gas upon the ground to burn their feet. A nation at war for its life naturally will use any effective weapon at its command, regardless of treaties.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

A Cry For Help To the editor: Would you please try to help us find a four room modern house to live in, or a lot to build on. I have looked in the paper until my eyes are sore trying to find something. We have been here a month today and we are desperate. We need a place to live in. My husband and 18-year-old son have jobs. We could pay \$700 down on a house and \$35 a month like rent, until paid for, or get a lot if not too high priced, and buy lumber and build one large room to move into.

We are now living with relatives temporarily and I'd be very grateful if you would print a piece in your paper for us. I don't want to go back to Omaha, Neb., where we came from and have the people there laugh at us because we had to come back.

I know there are many good people in Medford who would be more than willing to help us find a place if they knew we needed one. I'm not ashamed to ask your help. I have a little boy aged eight and one ten years also. We don't want charity. We just want a place we can afford to buy.

Mrs. Estella Bendorf, Rt. 2, Box 175, Ashland, Ore.

Sailors Spend Gob For Extra Clothes

New Orleans—(U.P.)—Nobility has figured out just what they do with them, but it's definite that sailors expend a lot of clothing.

A set of figures at the New Orleans Naval Station proves that. The bluejackets spend about \$100,000 at their government-operated small stores for extra clothing.

In a month, men at the base purchase 30,000 handkerchiefs, 22,000 sets of shorts, 12,000 pairs of socks, 9,000 hats, 2,500 rating badges, 1,200 neckerchiefs, 8,000 towels, and—2,500 jack-knives.

Flying Fort For \$350—Delivered

Boston—(U.P.)—The surplus property administration here is having a bargain sale in used war planes.

Communities which want a Flying Fortress for educational or memorial purposes can get one for only \$350. And they will be flown to their destination at no extra cost. Other smaller war planes also are available for the same non-flight purposes at \$50 to \$200.

Nevada was once part of the territory Utah, but Nevada became a state many years before Utah was admitted to the Union.

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SOGE REGISTERS NINETY PER CENT ENROLLMENT HIKE

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Jan. 7—Southern Oregon College of Education has a ninety percent increase in student enrollment over the first week's enrollment of the 1945 winter quarter. The sexes are equal. Two-thirds of the sixty men are returned servicemen. Among the latter are many lettermen. The college is now planning to carry out extended social and athletic programs.

The students come from nearly every community in southern Oregon. Most of them are registered in lower division, or junior college courses. In these courses, they are preparing to enter law, medicine, engineering, and other professional fields which require the students doing their upper division work at the university or college. Many are taking the three and four-year courses in teacher education. Many women and some of the men are registered in either the one-year or two-year secretarial curricula. Still others are taking advantage of the merchandising, dental and medical assistants, and radio-electric management and service courses of study. These semi-professional terminal courses of two years duration are of particular interest to veterans.

Through efforts of the Ash- the church groups, and citizens, all students have been adequately housed. More housing accommodations are now available. Registration for the winter quarter ends on January 22.

Slim Summerville, Veteran Comedian, Answers Last Call

Laguna Beach, Calif., Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Gangling Slim Summerville, who spent 35 years in motion pictures will be buried tomorrow in Inglewood cemetery after simple funeral service at Laguna Beach.

Summerville, 54-year-old comedian, died Saturday night at his beach home of a cerebral hemorrhage. He had suffered two strokes recently. In semi-retirement, the stoop-shouldered portrayer of "hick" parts spent most of his time surfing in recent years. Only occasionally did Summerville go to Hollywood. And he never had been inside the famous night clubs.

His first Hollywood job was with Mack Sennett as one of the original Keystone cops. Later Summerville branched out as first director and actor. His first big break in films came in 1930 when he played in "All Quiet On The Western Front."

THE GRANGE

Phoenix Grange

Phoenix Grange will meet in regular session at 8 p. m. January 8 with the newly installed officers in charge. Committees will be named for the year by the new Master, Charley Hockersmith.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting by Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hockersmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hixon and Elva Caster.

Phoenix Grange officers will demonstrate floor work December 10 at the Grange conference at Central Point. As a prize is to be given the Grange with largest percentage of attendance it is the officers' hope that as many members be present as possible.

Eagle Point Grange

Eagle Point Grange held joint installation of officers January 2 with Lake Creek and Upper Rogue Granges.

Mrs. Gertrude Hawk, installing officer, recited the impressive ritual from memory, presenting the new masters with their gavel and insignia.

Miss Helen Harnish was conductress, assisted by Barbara Smith and Ruby Wyatt.

Eagle Point officers for the coming year are: master, Clarence Davies; overseer, G. A. Hubble; lecturer, Mrs. Edythe Woodrich; chaplain, Mrs. Julia Davies; treasurer, A. C. Mittelstead; secretary, Mrs. Laura Clarke; steward, Roy Smith; assistant steward, Tom Vestal; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Billie Vestal; gatekeeper, Johnny Chamberlain; Ceres, Mrs. Clara Carol Clymer; Flora, Mrs. Nora Matthews; executive committee, C. R. Elbert, A. C. Kent and William Perry.

Mrs. Gertrude McCorkle acted as pianist for the evening.

During business meeting Mr. Davies read a New Year's resolution for the Grange. Cleverly expressed in legal terms, it pledged all Grangers to attend meetings faithfully, arrive on time, perform all duties cheerfully and willingly, and even volunteer their aid to help the lecturer with programs. It was received with much merriment and adopted, so Eagle Point Grange can look forward to an outstandingly successful year in the work.

JITNEY CIGARS BACK

New York, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—The nickel cigar, a war casualty, is staging a brisk comeback, the Cigar Institute of America reported today. The institute reported that cigars in the four-to-six cents bracket available to civilians increased from 87,000,000 in January, 1945, to 94,000,000 in November and that cigar production, on the rise since September, is expected to continue higher during 1946.

The San Francisco Recreation department conducts a photography center for servicemen, with free instruction and equipment.

STAR'S HUSBAND HOME

Hollywood, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Maj. William Ross Howard III, discharged from the army air forces after 44 months service, was reunited today with his wife, Film Star Dorothy Lamour who expects to become a mother any day. The Howards were married April 7, 1943. The child will be their first.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO

January 7, 1936 (It Was Tuesday)

Sec'y. Wallace plans substitute for AAA. program.

Senate testimony shows J. P. Morgan company favored Allies in World War.

Unsettled with showers. High 47, low 31.

Rotary forum sees movies of Russia.

"Killer" Shikuma, Japanese wrestler to appear on card.

National defense budget of billion dollars planned for coming year.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 7, 1916 (It Was Thursday)

Irving Berlin, jazz composer, weds daughter of telegraph magnate.

Cloudy. High 49, low 36.

San Francisco feels slight quake.

High costs of auto tires blamed by democrats on Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

Beauty expert warns women if they continue to smoke they will be homely as men.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

January 7, 1912 (It Was Saturday)

Gov. Os West here on short visit, visits "Honor Camp."

New Mexico is made new state.

Middle West swept by record blizzard.

Cloudy. High 50, low 36. Cold spell ends.

William Jennings Bryan leads fight in democratic ranks for low tariff.

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