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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The Germans, all means to the contrary notwithstanding, are the best and warmest dressed people of Europe, a correspondent reports. The peoples of the lands they conquered shiver, thanks to the thieving efficiency of the Nazis, who stole everything they could lay their hands on, including clothing materials. There has been some international whining about famine stalking Germany, and the dire and urgent need of food. The Germans, in all probability, are as hungry, as they claim to be naked.

Trade journals report an abundance of canned peas, and they may show up for every eatery meal but breakfast, as did string beans during war times.

What President Truman needs is a good vacation in Florida, or somewhere—anywhere but Missouri—and an opportunity to think up a foreign policy. (Royce Eriar in the S.F. Chronicle)—Time for one of Show-off states, instead of the "Show Me," to get a presidential visit.

Republican "liberals" are now lambasting the Republicans "Old Guards." All any "liberal" wants is the right to spend the conservative's money.

In Chihuahua, Mexico, a bolt of lightning hit a reckless autoist, singed his hair, removed his shoes, and wrecked his vehicle. The average American from his knowledge of speed-idiot, would hold the lightning blameless.

An Albany, Ore., tavern, in an ad, admonishes: "Folks, come in and get all the ham and bacon you can eat." It sounds like an item from a 10 Years ago column.

SCENIC LARCENY AGAIN
Corvallis Gazette-Times
We have become accustomed to California claiming the good things of Oregon but when they are claimed for South America—that is going too far. Here is an item from a Mexican paper: "Crater Lake in South America lies more than 2,000 feet below the top of an extinct volcanic crater."

Cussing of the slightly rugged winter weather around here, has tapered somewhat, due to citizens pouring the major portion of their profane vocabulary and energy on the colored and flavored in wood chips whiskey now being inflicted on the thirsty of Oregon. It makes the wickeder 1925 moonshine taste like "Cyrus Noble."

A California commentator observes, "You can't separate politics from a politician." Neither can a peanut get a divorce from a peanut politician.

The special Congressional election campaign in the First district upstate Friday is one of the quietest in Oregon history. Neither candidate raged through the counties involved, with his tremolo wide open.

The legality and regularity of the purported wedding of A. Hitler and Eva Braun, a short time before Berlin fell to the Russians, is still questioned. It is alleged the "marriage registrar" had no license. Der Fuehrer was the type that would sneak off into a dark corner of the bomb shelter without paying him, and order him shot if he asked for his fee.

Paul Tulane for whom Tulane University was named, contributed more than \$1,000,000 for education of New Orleansians.

Editorial Correspondence

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3: What a difference just a few months make! No difficulty getting a room or anything else except a white shirt. In fact one of the largest department stores—Hecht & Co.—has no men's shirts at all and won't have until the middle of the month. That is a record of some sort. Otherwise the national capital is far more pleasant than usual, one factor of course being the congress is not in session.

And a nice sunny day also, as was true in New York. Several degrees warmer here, however. Over to the Press club to see an old newspaper friend—a good Southern Democrat and ardent New Dealer. He was amused over Eleanor Roosevelt and President Truman—no love lost there. But the latter being advised Eleanor was getting off the reservation and taking a lot of New Deal votes with her, named her on the UNO delegation to London. Mrs. R. was so delighted she proceeded to give Harry a terrific boost in her "My Day" for his veto of the state control of reemployment, declaring this action showed the highest quality of progressive, vision and courageous leadership.

His conclusion: "Don't sell Harry short as a smart politician. He really doesn't like being President, but he has a fanatical devotion to his party and his political pals, and he isn't going to lose a single vote if he can help it. This goes for CIO, they are off him now but if hard work and generous concessions to labor can do it, will be won back."

Senator Cordon not here—gone back to Oregon for the recess. Senator Morse here but not in when we called. Found Congressman Ellsworth and had luncheon with him. Guess how much the Congressman weighs? Well it's too much and he has decided to diet. He refused dessert and took three cups of coffee which would take weight off most people, but the former editor of the Roseburg News Review looked fairly well nourished when we parted.

Met the youngest admiral in the navy and an Oregon newspaper man, the former, a pal of "Ep" Hoyt of the Oregonian, but failed to identify the latter or get either of their names. Good thing "Ye Editor" never had any political ambitions, he would be doomed to bitter disappointment, for if you refuse to remember names you can't get the votes!

Got into the tail-end of the Pearl Harbor probe with Admiral Stark on the stand. The Admiral looks like one with his closely cropped snow-white hair and pink face, also acted like one while we were there. For he was plainly annoyed by the questions and made no bones about it in his testy, brusque replies.

He couldn't remember what he testified in detail during the last week in November 1941, but did admit that the Jap attack on December 7th was a surprise to him and he believed to everyone else, including General Marshall and President Roosevelt. He was asked if that did not explain the effectiveness of the sneak attack, everyone in authority being taken by surprise including Kimmel and Short, and he said he did not. But as before stated in this column we are convinced it did. That is merely a matter of opinion of course, it can never be factually established but we fail to see how with EVERYONE in authority in Washington convinced the Japs would not, and COULD NOT, hit Pearl Harbor effectively through the air, this fact could fail to contribute to the success of the attack and the ineffectiveness of the defense against it.

The senate committee particularly Senators Barkley and Lucas looked bored and tired, the only member in fact who didn't was Congressman Gearhart of California who was asking the questions. When the admiral's testimony is completed the hearing will adjourn until January 15th when Kimmel and Short will be called. That will be the big moment of the performance—sorry we can't take it in. (Voices from the gallery, WHY can't you?)

Incidentally one feature of Admiral Stark's testimony was somewhat amusing. He said that had Messrs Kimmel and Short taken proper precautions in the direction of radar and air reconnaissance, the Jap attack would never have been as effective as it was. Then in the next breath, indignantly denied he had criticized Admiral Kimmel or anyone else in the Pearl Harbor drama—as it was not his place to judge others, only himself!

All in all it seemed to us the admiral made a poor witness but we only heard about 20 minutes of his testimony so we may be doing him an injustice.

Took a walk around the White House last night as President Truman was delivering his "fireside talk" on the necessity of congressional action particularly in the direction of abating strikes and preventing a runaway inflation. The grounds are no longer patrolled by white-helmeted soldiers as was the case during the war, but all entrances have policemen on guard, so only those with credentials can get in. The entire White House and the executive offices were ablaze with lights, some of the huge glass chandeliers looking like diamond Christmas trees through the uncurtained windows. There were many cars parked within also, indicating that the President was not alone with the mike.

The night was cool but not cold, the stars twinkled above in a clear dark blue sky, the Washington monument still sporting its red light at the peak to warn aviators, rather than to attract night-owls, looked like a ghostly sentinel, running far back through the years.

We tried to get through one of the gates on the strength of an M.T. press card—but it failed, as we expected. Washington policemen, however, do treat the press, big or little, with great courtesy and consideration. The minion of the law suggested we get in touch with the President's secretary but it was too late for that.

We liked the President's message better than any he has yet delivered. That is we liked all of it, whereas in so many years have been flaws—or what seemed so to us. But on strike legislation, full employment, inflation, minimum wage, we felt the President was both courageous and right.

The radical Republicans here, judging by the papers, condemn the President for declaring General Motors should open its books to the fact finding tribunal in case of a hearing to determine the justification or lack of justification of the walk-out.

Such an objection is understandable from the standpoint of the implications, but not the bare fact of determination of facts—facts which would be the property of the commission and no one else. As the President well says, profits are a factor in any wage scale; all facts concerning them are now given to the U. S. Internal revenue department. Why not to a governmental agency dealing with labor and wages?

We hope the popular response to the President's appeal will be such that the congress will be forced to act—as Mr. Truman says, either endorse his program dealing with these vital problems or present a program of their own. — R. W. R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

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Ask not overmuch for fair form and face, let women be But good: Beauty is but a snare Gladly woo, if good is the After the straw leaves of roses Richer the rich mind unclothes, Boonish is he, and unwise Who judges women by their eyes. — Jethro Mitchell.

Haven't read Forever Amber. However, I was interested in an excerpt I noted from this book which dealt with what an astrologer told Amber St. Clare, the heroine. Said the stargazer to Amber: "You were born with Venus in separating square aspect to Mars in the fifth house. Hence you are inclined, madame, to overardent affections and to rash impulsive attractions to the opposite sex. I see that some day you will have, madame, a hundred lovers." (Note: If you read Forever Amber can you tell me how many

Christie. I claim it was Romance or Grand Hotel. A. Your wife made the argument. Greta wins her talking picture debut in Anna Christie with a part especially selected to match her Swedish accent. As you will recall the film was exploited with the slogan "Garbo Talks!" That was 15 years ago.

Sidelights
Writes a New Yorker: "That triple dead heat which so excited Bryan Field, the turf announcer, that he lost his Harvard accent was not at Jamaica but Aqueduct. Horses concerned were Brownie, Bossuet and Wait A Bit. One stogie please!" ... The Bureau County Republican, published at Princeton, Ill., carries the slogan "The Nation's Largest Country Weekly." Any challengers?

Auld Lang Syne
Today I saw Anita Stewart. One of the darlings of the silent films. How many of her pictures can you remember? I'll give you a little help. She was starred in "Never the Twain Shall Meet," "In Old Kentucky" and "Virtuous Wives." Believe Anita was the first film star hired by that great star-maker, Louis B. Mayer, who subsequently discovered among others Greta Garbo, Hedy Lamarr and Greer Garson. If I am wrong about Anita being Mr. Mayer's first star I will buy him a box of snuff. He doesn't smoke stogies.

Please Note
So the vest pocket radio has arrived. If you are not familiar with this remarkable radio please be informed that it weighs 10 ounces, including batteries, is three inches wide, three-quarters inch thick and six and a quarter inches high. It sells for \$30 and up. One of the more interesting moments will be when all the passengers on a bus or streetcar pull out their vest pocket radios and start tuning in on different stations.

Passing By
Paulette Goddard. A noticeably graceful walker and carries herself exceedingly well. She would have made a good drum majorette. Paulette is said to be the smartest business woman in Hollywood. I question that claim. Believe the smart business women in the film colony are 1. Mary Pickford; 2. Janet Gaynor; 3. Joan Crawford; 4. Paulette Goddard. There is probably not a man alive who ever got the better of any of these girls in a business deal.

Midnight Snack
What is your favorite food for a midnight snack? Mine is a cold turkey sandwich and coffee. Beau Brummel once asked this, replied "I take a little lobster and an apricot puff or two and some burned champagne around midnight and get to bed about 3 a. m." (Note: Mr. Brummel must have had a cast-iron stomach. If I had a midnight snack like that I probably would wake up screaming that I was being chased by three pink alligators. And, by the way, what is "burned champagne?")

Small Towns
Sixty percent of the 140,000,000 residents of the United States live in towns of 30,000 population or under. My favorite towns of under 30,000 are Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Laramie, Wyo., Hot Springs, Ark., Santa Maria, Calif., Reno, Nev., Atlantic, Ia., Allenhurst, N. J., and Provo, Utah.

Clever Machine
Now there is a vending machine that sells a product for a nickel and makes change for quarters and dimes. Yes, sir, you drop the quarter in the slot and you get the product and 20 cents change. The owners of this machine will take a terrific beating if some slickers originate a slug that will make it work.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Chicago, Jan. 9 — President Truman is losing popularity with the hundreds of people with whom I talked during a ten-day trip through the north central states—but not for the reasons hotly discussed in Washington. Not upon the basis of his battles with congress. The average man and woman are not concerned much today

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with the discussions of the high-pressure groups. No one I saw mentioned the full employment spending proposal, boosting employment compensation, fair employment practices or the other bills before congress.

Indeed, few brought up the subject of strikes which are all over the front pages.

IF YOU mention the walkouts first, you will find most people bitter and wanting to go much further than Mr. Truman to curb them, but the portion of the public I was able to consult has an interesting and new attitude about the union campaign.

You might call it a seething but suppressed resentment based on a factor the union strategists apparently have not considered, namely that the average man and woman sees no hope of a 30 per cent wage increase or greater postwar considerations for their wants, but seems only news of union demands beyond their own hopes and strikes which inconvenience them and ignore their interests (strikes against their getting a u. t. o. s., refrigerators, radios; strikes in public service monopolies such as telephones and telegraph), but as I say this feeling is latent and covered by the conditions of war in which the public got accustomed to being kicked around and also by a hangover desire from the war to be cheerful in the face of all inconvenience, without any real knowledge of the justice or injustice of union claims.

This is definitely hurting the cause of the strikers—but it is only a secondary phase in basic cause of public dissatisfaction, which is founded upon visible evidence all too intimate to every citizen, yet not to the president, his high officials or those who may ride in special planes and live their lives exclusive of normal conditions of living which beset the average citizen. Observable facts are simply these:

This country is not recovering from the wartime demoralization of goods and services. The public is being pushed around now more than during the war. Complications and difficulties of living have greatly worsened in the last eight months since the end in Europe. People cannot get any of the things they want—whether butter, Christmas presents, clothes, cleaning, proper service in any line, including transportation.

YOU can understand the general condition in the experience one business man related concerning his business travels. He bought a drawing room from Washington to Chicago, but before he picked it up, it was sold by a ticket clerk who told him the room was for wounded soldiers and he would have to take lovers. On the train there were not only no wounded soldiers in his drawing room, but none on the entire train. His associates reminded him the bootlegging of train reservations makes drawing rooms worth \$25 bribes. But leaving Washington, he found not even his lower available. He had to ride one sixth of his trip in a day coach, pile out in the cold to another train to get his lower. Of this he did not complain.

His point of complaint was that the railroad did not offer him or any of the possibly 200 passengers the refund due them, not only for failure to supply Pullman but for the difference in basic fare due to the coach ride.

So also with food. The diner was out of nearly everything on the menu for breakfast except eggs; but the price of the breakfast was not reduced. The coffee served was cold; the service poor; customer resentment so high few tips were left. The train was seven hours late at Chicago, which was a daily circumstance. I found many trains run from three to eight hours late as a custom, established for months and apparently to continue indefinitely. I sat up all night until 4 a. m. for a train, which the porter told me was always that late (although the company erroneously kept reporting it only

a little late to keep you in the station). The historic demoralization of train service in Europe never reached these proportions. Common sad joke in the smoking rooms, which Mr. Truman should hear, was:

"Well, they say Mussolini at least made the trains run on time." Only explanation of porters was: "It seems to me no one is trying to make them run on time now." The country is much in that same low spirit.

Flight o' Time

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FLIGHT OF TIME
TEN YEARS AGO
January 9, 1936
(It was Thursday)
Roosevelt in Jackson Day banquet speech declares "fight against greed and privilege to continue."

John Gilbert, 'great lover' of the screen dies of heart attack.

Ethiopians halt Italians in major battle.

Occasional rain. High 41, low 36.

Klamath county blanketed by heavy snow in years.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
January 9, 1926
(It was Saturday)
W. F. Charley of Climax traps one coyote and seven wildcats.

Surveyors at work on golf course near Phoenix.

Albert Straus is made master of Sams Valley Grange.

Fog and frost sweep Pacific coast states.

Gov. Pierce comes out for lower taxes.

Cloudy with fog. High 35, Low 24.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
January 9, 1912
(It was Tuesday)
Flood conditions prevail upstate, due to 'chinkook' wind following recent cold wave.

Cold. High 27, low 24.

John M. Dodge, nearly un-dressed while dodging well near Ashland, when clothes catch in belt.

Teddy Roosevelt may be presidential candidate.

Committee Chosen To Study Plan For Rogue River Book

Rogue River, Jan. 9 — Elizabeth Covey, Patricia Winters, Chapman Hilger and Phillip Carlie have been selected as a preliminary committee to investigate the matter of publishing an annual at the high school here, according to Principal A. B. Mekvold. No yearbook has been edited since 1942. If the book is published, the editorial staff will be chosen from the journalism class, Mekvold states. Initiation ceremonies for six new members will be held by the high school letterman's club, Saturday evening, January 12. The new men are Eugene Lounders, Dick Huntoon, Roscoe Hargitt, Mickey Mills, Edward Pre' fountain, and Herman Howard. Phillip Carlie, letterman president is in charge. Semester exams are scheduled for January 30 and 31, Mekvold says.

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LAST JAP POWS LEAVING TODAY

Washington, Jan. 9—(U.P.)—The last Japanese prisoners of war in the United States are scheduled to sail for Hawaii and Japan today from two west coast ports. The largest group of 441 able-bodied prisoners will sail from Los Angeles for Fort Shafter, Hawaii, where they will be used for essential labor.

A second group of 182 "non-workers," mostly officers and non-commissioned officers, will leave Seattle for Japan. A total of 5,431 Japanese war prisoners was interned in the U. S. at one time, the army said. Of these, 2,585 already are doing essential work in Hawaii.

CENTRAL POINT POLICE CHIEF RETURNS TO JOB

Central Point, Jan. 9—Arden Pinkham, chief of police and water superintendent here prior to his induction into the army, returned to his city duties yesterday. Pinkham, who saw service with the 80th division in the European theater, was discharged in October. He was overseas 14 months. Henry Waelty, who has filled in at Pinkham's position for the past year and one half, will continue as street superintendent and will be retained as city policeman.

MacArthur Asks To Dump Ammunition in Sea To Free Ships

Tokyo, Jan. 9—(U.P.)—Gen. MacArthur has requested War Department permission to dump surplus American ammunition into the sea in order to free ships for other purposes, it was revealed today. Brig. Gen. H. E. Eastwood, deputy assistant chief of staff for supply, told of MacArthur's request in explaining problems of handling, storing and disposing of military supplies to a senate subcommittee. He said most of the supplies were sent from the United States for the planned invasion of Japan.

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