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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The government threatens to

defy the CIO and take over the

meat packing industry next Saturday.

Another Nazi war criminal is

suffering from a heart attack.

The ailment had a difficult time

hitting the shriveled, pea-sized organ.

One of the Older Girls was

upset yesterday at a social function.

She fretted about a hole in

the heel of her stocking, while

both knees were exposed.

OR, THE CHICAGO FIRE

(Astoria Astorian-Budget)

"The two-day visit of Mrs.

Kaisu Mirjam Rydberg, the

Finnish columnist, was the

biggest event in Uniontown

since the burning of the Han-

nula boarding house."

Two lady wrestlers grappled

at the military base last evening.

A number of sopranos in the

congregation recognized the win-

ning hold, as the one they used

on their better-halves to make

him toe the line, and wipe the

super dishes.

The state high school basket-

ball tournament will be held

again this year at Salem in the

same old gymnasium, wholly in-

adequate in seating capacity.

The promise to have space for

all of last spring has gone with

the roses of last June, and the

snows of 1944. "The local (Salem)

booster organizations are

hard at work to uncover a suit-

able seating answer for future

tournaments," a news dispatch

assures. "Due to a lack of build-

ing material" (the popular alibi

of the day to get out of a civic

duty), and "A prior lease" (a

new excuse), the classic event

will be staged in the pioneer

cigar box. Moving the tourna-

ment to McArthur court in Eu-

gene, where there is room for

all, until building material is

available, and the lease priority

ironed out, would be the proper

caper now. It would halt the

Salem stalling, and provide a

suitable space there speedily.

"CRY OF DESPAIR"

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

STRAIGHT JACKET WANTED

If I don't find a place to live,

Don Foxley, Phone 1 or 333.

The run appeared for the first

time this year in the Far North

last Tuesday. This phenomena

is said to be ahead of a number

of northern Oregon points.

"The Henry Pancake auto

slipped over the bluff Saturday,

and was badly battered"—(Ore-

gonian Jottings)—No doubt, Mr.

Pancake was left flat.

CONFESSION OF FAILURE

"Watched them break up a

Cigar raft, and while in San

Pedro harbor I have made my

own Criss Cross raft which was

a rank failure and broke the

oufit.

"I made one Ant raft at Sum-

ner from orders taken from the

Empire L. Co., (or what was

it called at that time) it wasn't

so hot either and I took a cuss-

ing from half the boatmen on

Coos Bay.

I saw what was called a Shoe-

string raft made at Daniels Creek

around 1935 or '36, but I won't

mention the man's name that

made it, he is a friend of mine."

(Coos Bay Times)

The Northern cities of Min-

neapolis and St. Paul, Minn., are

in the same hockey league as

Dallas, Texas.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late

to Classify 4:00 Saturday Afternoon

Please remember.

3 Cheers for Gen. Arnold!

The three big men of the recent war, as far as administration goes, were:

General Marshall, General Arnold and Admiral King.

Of these three, General Arnold stands out like a woodpecker on a telephone pole as the only one sensing the vital, world-shattering, importance of the atomic bomb.

In the current "Geographic,"—which, like all issues of that magazine, is superbly illustrated in color,—General Arnold first notes an obvious fact, that of the three major arms of warfare, the air arm in World War No. II was the most important, and then states:

"It is entirely possible that the progressive development of the air arm, especially with the concurrent development of the atomic explosive, guided missiles and other modern devices, will reduce the requirement for, or employment of, mass armies and navies."

And that from a professional military man, no longer young and trained in the old school!

And it is supported by every scrap of evidence revealed by research, experiment, practice and scientific fact.

Could a stronger argument be imagined for this country NOT—

Rushing into universal military training, and into building our already huge navy into a larger one with all the billions involved until we know, as the saying goes, "WHERE we are at!"

General Arnold continues:

"The application of atomic energy to war has made air power all-important. Air power provides not only the best present means of striking an enemy with atomic bombs, but also the best available defense against them." "It is our obligation now and in the future to organize our armed forces with the most modern weapons, to secure the best powerful striking force at the least expense to the taxpayer."

Again entirely true!

And instead of Uncle Sam throwing in countless millions of dollars merely for mass and size, these millions should be spent on research and the invention and operation of the latest and most up-to-date MACHINES.

But before all, and above all, this country should at the same time, throw all its intelligence, resources and energies into the supreme task of forming with other nations an organization that will PREVENT another war. In other words the UNO.

GENERAL ARNOLD, unlike most professional military men in the upper brackets appreciates this supremely important fact for he continues as follows:

"We must do this (equip our armed forces with the most modern weapons) not to prepare for another war, because such a catastrophe would almost certainly throw the whole world back for centuries, if indeed it did not destroy our present civilization. We must do this to prevent another war, —to perpetuate peace!"

"Amen" again General!

For as the world is now constituted, to gain world peace, peace must be backed by supreme POWER!—R.W.R.

A Railroad Strike?

And now a railroad strike is threatened.

A. F. Whitney, president of the trainmen, says strike ballots are being printed, and if the requested wage increase is not granted, a strike can be called in three or four weeks.

Observe that "CAN." Mr. Whitney does not say "WILL."

AND with good reason, for since the formation of the Railway Mediation Board there has not been a serious walk-out on American railroads in two decades, and it is a pretty safe wager there won't be this time.

Why? Simply because the President's proposal of a compulsory fact-finding cooling off period of 30 days, was adopted a long time ago for rail transportation. And it has worked,—worked admirably.

IN fact these present railway mediation proceedings started over a month ago—Dec. 18 to be exact,—and are now continuing, with every indication agreement will eventually be reached and no strike called.

With this evidence of the outstanding success of a compulsory 30-day period before a strike in a vital industry can be called, it is difficult to understand the opposition to such a program in other industrial fields, either from labor or management.

AND how supine and absurd for the House of Representatives to pass such a measure after deleting fact-finding and compulsion! Like favoring a race-track bill providing each race horse entering has a leg out off.

What fools we mortals be! There is the road to industrial peace as far as walk-outs are concerned. And no one, or practically no one, in authority except President Truman, has the sense or courage to advocate it!—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

We saw and weeded each other's eyes.
My soul contracted then with thine
And both burnt in one sacrifice
And in our marriage grew divine.

—Washington

Recent dispatches indicate the possibility of John Loder being the third husband to fail to make Hedy Lamarr happy. A divorce may result. We don't like to see a person of Hedy's

prominence and popularity making so many appearances in the divorce courts. It sets a bad example for her admirers. Therefore, I have instructed our Horses & Women experts to engage in some research which will be filed under the head of "How to Make Hedy Lamarr Happy" and will be available to all who may be interested in this accomplishment. Hedy is

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) born.

All stargazers seem agreed! Scorpios have dangerous tempers which make them difficult to get along with. Therefore husbands of Scorpios should practice making soft answers to turn away wrath. The Scorpio girls are said to be inclined to try to dominate their mates. It is also claimed by stargazers that they screech, scream and toss tantrums if they do not have their own way. However, we see no reason why a man of strong character and great endurance who has the patience of Job should not be able, with the aid of the advice of our Horses & Women experts, to make a Scorpio woman happy.

Asking
Queries from clients: Q. Do you recall a film star named Jacqueline Logan? A. Certainly. She was a Corsicana, Texas girl, and was one of the first of the Lone Star state beauties to make good on Broadway and in Hollywood. She was a Ziegfeld Follies girl. Came to Hollywood in the 1920s and was a silent film star for many years. Q. What was the passage from Shakespeare that your Horses & Women experts suggested that girls who have had their hearts broken by unfeeling doublecrossing male heels recite instead of moaning torch songs? A. It is the following:

Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more,
Men were deceivers ever;
One foot in sea, and one on shore,
To one thing constant never.

Then sigh not so,
But let them go,
And be you blithe and bonny,
Converting all your sounds of woe

Into hey, nonny, nonny.
—Shakespeare.

Passing By
J. Ford Coats. The Brooklyn

minstrel. Also said to be one of the country's most uncanny pickers of longshots. Fred wrote that hit song of a couple of years ago, "Goodbye, Mama, I'm Off for Yokohama." He should change the words of this, a little so the GI Joes who are striving to get out of the army and the Far East could sing it now. The title of the new version would be "Oh, Mama, Can't You Get Me Out of Yokohama?"

Problem
As the horses parade to the post for the Kentucky Derby the band softly plays "My Old Kentucky Home." For the post parade of the preakness at Pimlico the band plays "Maryland, My Maryland." Now there is talk of having a band present at Santa Anita the day the \$100,000 handicap is run. The problem is, what will the band play for the parade to the post for what sportscribes so fondly refer to as "The hundred grander." How about "My Little Gray Home in the West" or "Home on the Range." Just can't decide on this post parade number. However, have a good idea of an exit march after Santa Anita's baffling eighth race. What could be more appropriate than "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"

Happy Though Married
"My husband and I are still honeymooning after 12 years of marriage," writes a Pittsburgher. "Undoubtedly the fact we have so much in common helps. We both dabble in oil paints and do a little soap sculpture. We also play a lot of pool together on our table at home. Occasionally we shoot craps. On week-ends we stage a small party and have a few highballs together. We also read a great many good books and discuss them."

Last In Book
As I previously informed you the last name in the Detroit tel-

is no such person as Zeke Zzzpt, am now reliably informed there is no such person as eke Zzzpt, Esq. The name is a coined one used by a group of automobile engineers who live in one of the city's old mansions. My informant states that when the cares of business day are behind them these engineers constitute a gay group that is famous for its hospitality. By the way, what is the last number in the telephone book in your town. Better look it up. You may be missing something interesting.

Briefly
A memory cherished by all young old timers among baseball fans is that of Heine Groh, the greatest leadoff man of all time, standing far away from the plate waving his celebrated "bottle" bat at the pitcher. . . . It was Julia Sanderson who sang Jerome Kern's first hit, that delightful and haunting ditty titled "They Didn't Believe Me." That was in "The Girl From Utah" which was produced about 31 years ago.

Taller Than Louis
It was Louis XIV of France who started the "now you can be taller than she is" movement. So put out by the fact many ladies of his court towered over him was Louis that he ordered the royal bootmaker to make him high heeled shoes. This was the origin of the high heel style later so monopolized by women that for a man to wear them seemed effeminate.

CONGRESS ON STRIKE
New York, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, D., Cal., said today that "Congress has simply gone on a strike" against president Truman's legislative program.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24 (Special)—Mr. Truman not only covered but hid the state of the nation in his mass of 25,000 words.

He got his floor leaders to delay presentation of his annual message for four days hoping the steel strike would be settled and the state of the union would thereby be made somewhat more presentable. But the great strike in the key industry was called, lending gloomy auspices for his first major message, so he did the next best thing. He bundled his thick legislative message with his thicker budget, and hurled the whole mass at the congress.

Some polite comment has been offered that this was a wise departure from established custom, because the two subjects are related. Impolitely, it may also be said the move was wise politically, because no individual subject could be treated adequately by the congressional critics, the newspapers, commentators or public. Indeed, neither press nor radio generally had space to report the message in full. Sheer size discouraged reporting, analysis and criticism.

THE essence of the Truman game can be discerned by digging into the budget. It is this:

Mr. Truman proposes to collect for his first full peacetime year five times more than Mr. Roosevelt ever spent.

This is the project for the year beginning next July 1 and ending 18 months hence, and it could almost be called his second peacetime fiscal, because this one includes less than two months of the war against Japan and none of the major war in Europe.

The greatest sum Mr. Roosevelt ever taxed from the people was \$6,200,000,000 in 1938; Mr. Truman's tax receipts for next year are estimated at \$31,500,000,000. The highest Roosevelt expenditure was \$9,200,000,000 in 1940; Mr. Truman proposes \$35,100,000,000 for 1947.

IS THIS the Keynes spending theory of prosperity come to fruition at long last, as the new dealers' dissatisfaction with Mr. R.'s refusal to spend more have long wanted? It is not. The Keynesists advocated deficit spending. Mr. Truman proposes nearly to pay for his through taxation. The Truman theory simply contemplates a maintenance of a considerable degree of war prosperity by keeping considerable war expenditures (\$16,000,000,000).

The secret of his prospect that the budget will be "nearly balanced" is that he will keep going a greater portion of war taxes than of war expenditures. But even this leaves him short, so he will tap the huge till of unnecessary stores of cash which the treasury built up during the war (\$26,000,000,000) to take care of any financial disaster in the war effort, and use this for debt retirement and making up deficits.

Mr. Truman, then, is dealing in bigger chips than anyone ever thought of in this game before. We thought we were in cloudy financial heights in 1929. The government budget for 1929 was \$4,000,000,000, one-ninth of the Truman expenditures for next year. Indeed the whole cost of government in 1929 was 20 per cent less than the interest on the public debt alone next year.

THE proposed budget balancing has nothing to do with economy, either. All expenditures for practically everything from the interstate commerce commission to the state department are to be increased (state by a colossal \$1,500,000,000 for yet undefined purposes of spreading culture, news and other things around the world).

To all this congress paid little attention, and will pay less. Congress will make its own budget as it goes along. A tax reduction is likely, this being an election year. Appropriations will run much less than proposed expenditures, although the bulk spending is likely to approximate the Truman plan inasmuch as nearly half is for "defense" and 15 per cent more for interest on the debt.

CROSBY SUIT SETTLED
New York, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Everett Crosby, business manager of Bing Crosby, said today that the suit filed against the singer by the Kraft Foods company seeking to prevent him from appearing on any radio program without their consent had been settled and that papers ending the action will be signed today.

Ex-Jackson County Resident Taken By Death In G. Pass

The death of Mrs. Catherine M. Palmer, former resident of Medford and Gold Hill, occurred Tuesday at the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Palmer was born in Harlan county, Nebraska, May 2, 1877. For the past three years she had lived in Grants Pass but prior to that lived near Medford and at Gold Hill.

Survivors are her husband, Orville C. Palmer, Grants Pass; one daughter, Beatrice Kidd, Klamath Falls, and a son, Carl Palmer, overseas with the army. Hull and Hull funeral home of Grants Pass is in charge of arrangements.

CONDEMNED SOLDIER IS GRANTED REVIEW
Washington, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Pfc. Joseph E. Hicswa, 20, of Wallington, N. J., was assured today of a final review in Washington of his court martial death sentence for the slaying of two Japanese civilians.

Acting Secretary of War Kenneth C. Royall announced Hicswa's sentence would be subject to "final review in Washington" if it is confirmed by his commanding officer in Japan.

Court Records
Justice Court

Thomas V. Scott, James A. Wade, Percy C. Bearden, Margaret M. Anderson and Morris P. McMahon, no operator's license, \$1 and costs each.

James N. Glascock and Clarence E. Smith, no chauffeur's license, \$1 and costs each.

Elmer E. Crawford and Alfred D. Jensen, no trailer license, \$1 and costs each.

Harold R. Wilson, throwing injurious substance on highway, \$5 and costs.

James E. Camden, driving while operator's license revoked, \$1 and costs.

Cecile L. Michael, no warning device, \$1 and costs.

John W. Harbison, no vehicle license, \$1 and costs.

John B. Nostler, one headlight and no registration card, cited.

Police Court