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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

People have started receiving

butter from friends in Iowa and

Nebraska, where it is plentiful.

It could not be any fresher if it

had been churned on the Apple-

gate late yesterday.

New potatoes from Florida are

on the market. They are thin-

skinned, about the size of a

Klondike nugget, and cost al-

most as much.

All the birds are under the im-

pression Spring has come, and

are acting accordingly. They re-

port a little man told them.

SHAKE, PARDNER!

(Salem Statesman)

"We experienced for the

first time, a Californian will-

ing to concede something to

Oregon. It didn't take a keen

ear to discern a note of tri-

umph when the announcer

from our neighboring state,

announced that Oregon and

Washington had an earth-

quake."—(Maxine Buren.)

The things now happening to

President Truman are more ter-

rific than if he had appointed

Herbert Hoover assistant sec-

retary of the navy. Instead of

a multi-millionaire oilman, who

rounded up cash by the wheel-

barrow load for New Deal cam-

paigns. Both he and his ap-

pointees are now pictured as po-

litical sinners with hoofs and

forked tails. Mr. Hoover in "the

dark days of 1933" (an era no

New Deal idolator forgets to

mention with or without provo-

cation), compared with what the

chief executive is going through

now, had a picnic.

According to one of his biog-

raphers in Italy, the late Benito

Mussolini attributed his escape

from assassination plots to "di-

vine interference." Other

sources hold it was due to bum

marksmanship and considerable

good luck.

All the small fry are getting

over the measles that are all

over them.

WOES OF FARMING

(Eugene Register-Guard)

"Waterville — The fine

weather of the past few days

is allowing farmers to be out

cleaning up the debris and

trash left by the flood and to

get it burned in case of an

another flood which would dis-

lodge it and scatter it farther."

There is some concern ex-

pressed in Congress over what

"Americanism is doing to alien

groups in South America." An-

other question bobs up here.

What are the alien groups doing

to America?

The wind blew from the south,

and the weather moderated yes-

terday. Pedestrians out from

underdown viewed the green Neon

"ICE" sign of the Hob Deuel

woodyard without shivering and

thinking of red flannels.

It is now suggested the legis-

lature in its next session cut

state taxes to aid industries al-

ready established, and attract

more. The measure has merit.

However, it will cause wild an-

guish among the proletariat, and

cause the legislature to over-

stay its allotted time in Salem,

at least 64 days.

"YEARS NEEDED TO AT-

TAIN OLD AGE."—(Exchange.)

—In cooperation with regular

breathing anybody can attain it.

The new wage-price policy

adopted by Washington is guar-

anteed to provide the three es-

entials of life—food, shelter and

clothing, or soup, shacks, and

slacks.

UNO Observers Wonder If Russia Will Sabotage Organization With Constant Raising Of Objections

By Louis F. Keemle
United Press Staff Correspondent

The first meetings of the United Nations Organization in London have left the unfortunate impression in many minds that in the new world body, it is a case of Russia against a majority of the other nations.

That is not exactly true. The Russians, however, did nothing to dispel the idea but in fact strengthened it by Maverick parliamentary tactics which repeatedly found majority opinion against them in the security council.

RUSSIA REBUFFED ON MOST POINTS

The fact is that Russia created an atmosphere of healthy discussion by raising controversial problems at the first meeting of the council. Yet Russia was rebuffed on most of the important points she raised, and the situation was saved only by adroit procedure.

The question troubling UNO observers is whether Russia really feels that the other nations are combined against her and will raise so many objections in future meetings that the organization will bog down like the League of Nations.

Close students of Andrei Vishinsky's tactics at the recent UNO meetings think not. Vishinsky took his set-backs with good grace, won many concessions from the other powers, and returned persistently to the verbal offensive.

What Vishinsky did in effect was to notify the other powers that Russia does not intend to play the impotent role which she had in the League of Nations.

LITVINOV CHALLENGED LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Maxim Litvinov used to challenge and taunt the Geneva body with his appeals for realism and common sense. He spoke brilliantly, for instance, against the hypocrisy of talking disarmament while all the time certain nations were feverishly re-arming. He offered disarmament by Russia if the others meant what they said—knowing full well that they did not.

In this new organization, Vishinsky has not deviated much from Litvinov's philosophy, but he occupies a different position. Russia was impotent then and ended up by being expelled from the League of Nations in December of 1939, after the Soviet attack on Finland.

Now Russia has a powerful voice in the family of nations, and the oratory of her spokesmen is backed by strength which no one can afford to ignore.

ULTIMATE GOAL NOT YET APPARENT

Russia's ultimate goal cannot be fathomed at this stage. No suspicion has been voiced in London that she is trying to prove the UNO unworkable and go her own way in a world dedicated to a struggle between communistic and capitalistic states.

Russia has shown every desire to make the UNO work, but not at the expense of her own ideas of what constitutes a world balance. Twice Vishinsky raised the issue of Russia's right of veto in the security council—once in the case of giving Britain a clear bill of health in Greece, and more lately concerning the withdrawal of French and British troops from Syria-Lebanon.

This early use of the veto power, which was planned at San Francisco to be invoked only in grave emergency affecting one of the Big Five, indicates one of two things. Either Russia is determined to test out the durability of the present UNO charter at the very start with a view to revising it, or to silence those who would like to turn the UNO into a world government.

On The Side By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

I can take it if you swear.

Rant and rave and tear your hair.

I can worry with you over

Days when you were in clover.

I'll attend you when you say

You don't like my hair this way.

But don't bid me listen, sir,

To tales regarding you and her.

—Patricia Barham

(Author of the above would

prefer to be referred to as "Pat")

but so doing would be contrary

to our bitter campaign No.

8976D which is opposed to the

use by females of such names as

Teddy, Jackie, Billie, etc. Any-

way, Patricia, a newspaper woman,

is clever. Has a touch of Dor-

othy Parker in her verse.

How long should it take a wife

to iron one of her husband's

shirts? A young matron of Man-

hattan says she spends 20 min-

utes on the ironing of each of

her husband's shirts. She ex-

presses the view the extent of

the care a woman takes in lau-

ndering one of her mate's shirts

indicates how much she loves

him.

Mules & Men

All men are not alike. Neither

are all mules. In Missouri a

man sued for \$5,000, having

been kicked by a mule. The

defendant claimed the plaintiff,

who had been employed to work

around mules, should know all

these animals are "unreliable

and dangerous." Therefore he

should have exercised unusual

caution. In ruling in favor of

the plaintiff the judge said it

was a fallacy that all mules are

dangerous. He said there are

many gentle mules. The de-

fendant, said His Honor,

should have warned the

plaintiff the animal in question

was a particularly dangerous

mule. In that case, the plaintiff

would have been accordingly

cautious. The average mule,

continued the judge, is an ex-

ceedingly intelligent animal and

is not inclined to kick anybody

unless provoked into doing so.

Asking

Queries from clients: Q

Wasn't there a song titled "A

Woman Will Be President Some

Days?" A. Don't recall it. As to

when the USA will have a wom-

an president several stargazers

predict it will happen in 1952.

If the stargazers are right I wonder

who it will be. Possibly

Clare Boothe. What kind of a

first gentleman do you think

Henry Luce would make. Q. On

what do you base your claim

New York Harbor is the world's

finest? A. I never made any

such claim. The world's finest

harbor is at Sydney, Australia.

Secret Ambitions

"What are the secret ambi-

tions of a Taurus man?" Asks

a Milwaukee subscriber, whose

husband was born May 4. This

query recalls that on her Golden

wedding anniversary a wife

woman said to a recent bride:

"My child, you can lay your

head on the same pillow with a

man for 50 years and never

really know what he is thinking

about." At present we do not

have in our Mules & Men files

any data on what the stargazers

say about the secret ambitions,

untold longings and suppressed

desires of males according to

their birth signs.

As for the above board ambi-

tions of Taurus men their com-

mercial side is continually en-

gaged in a battle with their ar-

tistic side. If a Taurus man is

a business man he is likely to have

an ambition to be a portrait

painter, poet, song writer, sculp-

tor or concert pianist. If a con-

cert pianist or painter, he may

nurse an ambition to be a manu-

facturer of two pant suits or a

dynamic executive of a steel

corporation, with a highly po-

lished desk and a brown-eyed

honey blonde secretary. Or