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Every state, county and city official or board that handles public money should publish at regular intervals an accounting of it, showing where and how each dollar is spent. This is a fundamental principle of democratic government.

NO doubt during the last sev-eral months we have regard-ed a topic of conversation that was quite popular for a decade or more—the topic being that we were suckers to have been drawn into the last European war, that it was a war forced upon us by monied interests and that we had no business having any part of it.

Well, here we are again! There is really very little dif-ference between the situation we faced in 1917 and the situation we are confronted with today. The same thing was at stake then. If the Imperial German government had succeeded in conquering France and England, and had dominated all of Europe, we felt that our position in the world would be seriously men-aced and that we could not tol-erate existence in a world dom-inated by force.

That is precisely our govern-ment's analysis of the current problem as recited by the pres-ident in his last fireside chat.

The theorists, the radicals and the idealists had a grand time for nearly 15 years blaming our par-ticipation in the first world war on various people whom they dis-liked. It is possible that this talk was a very potent influence in creating leftist sentiment that has not been constructive in its na-ture. People constantly told that they had been duped, cheat-ed and led into war for selfish motives by predatory wealth can-not be blamed for turning cynical and distrustful. This turn did take place to a marked degree.

Now, however, we are reliving the history of World War I. The actors are different, the stage set is altered and the action has not followed the original script—but the plot is the same.

Who is there now, great or small, rich or poor, who can suc-cessfully argue that the destruc-tion of England and the complete nazi dominance of all of Europe, and a considerable portion of the rest of the world, would be of no concern to us?

Have we been propagandized up to this point? This writer does not think so. There has been and is plenty of propaganda urg-ing us on toward greater and faster aid for Britain. But the main effect of this effort has been to speed up our movement in that direction. We probably would, in the course of time, have reached the same conclusion. Propaganda has merely cut short the process of evolution of public opinion.

Whatever the force or the cause, we are full speed ahead on a policy of giving all possible aid to Britain. We are practically at war—at least we are just about financing a war. We may as well take a long sober look at the rea-sons and the justification for our position for, if we and Britain win the war it will not be five years after before the old argument be-gins—that we were suckers to have been drawn in—etc.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

British troops supported by great armored units, not less than 1000 planes and the entire Alexandria fleet."

According to the Italians, the

British are pretty strong.

WHEN any government, in these days, says ANY-THING, one immediately asks: "Why was that said?" The answer in this case is fair-ly plain.

Mussolini's fascist crowd, fear-ing the effects of recent defeats on the Italian people, is trying to AROUSE THEIR SYMPATHIES by painting the heroic struggle the Italian armies are waging against superior odds.

If that is true, it is a round-about confession that Mussolini is worried about what might hap-pen at home.

THE British take Bardia and, hardly pausing in their stride, push on to Tobruk, the next Ital-ian strong point to the west in Libya. They are reported to have their eyes on Bengasi, still farth-er to the west and today's (Tues-day's) dispatches mention that Tripoli is under heavy British air bombardment.

With Tobruk, Bengasi and Trip-oli taken, Italian Libya will be gone. West of Italian Libya lie French Tunisia, Algeria and Mor-rocco.

THERE is at least a possibility that something drastic MIGHT happen in Africa, and this possibility is the card up old Marshal Petain's sleeve.

That it is a fairly good card is indicated by the fact that Hitler hasn't yet cracked down on what is left of France.

CCC, NYA Will Unite In Shakeup Of Youth Program

By BRUCE CATTON

News-Review Washington Cor-respondent.

WASHINGTON.—Shakeup of the whole government youth pro-gram is expected soon. Out of it will come a merging of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the National Youth Administra-tion into one agency, and it may be that some of the functions of the Office of Education will also be drawn.

Both Aubrey Williams, head of N.Y.A., and J. J. McEntee, head of C.C.C., may be replaced, though who will head the new agency isn't known.

Parallels between the work of C.C.C. and N.Y.A. are obvious. C.C.C. has approximately 1350 camps, in which 260,000 enrollees are getting training. N.Y.A. has 500 work camps, and has addi-tional work projects for youths who remain at home. In all, its programs take care of about 130,000 young men. N.Y.A. programs offer most of the varieties of work offered by C.C.C., and in addition include a good deal of training in mechanics that the C.C.C. boys do not get.

Both N.Y.A. and C.C.C. draw their enrollees from relief fam-ilies. Many lads have at one time or another been in both groups; most of the lads who are eligible for C.C.C. are also eligible for N.Y.A., and sometimes there ac-tually has been competition for the youth by the two services.

In general, N.Y.A. currently has been trying to turn out young men equipped to take jobs in private industry, while C.C.C. has had slightly more of a military tinge. Some army authorities are known to feel that C.C.C. might well become a training ground for many of the "special-ists" the growing army needs—cooks, bakers, truck drivers, sig-nal corps linemen, and so on.

BARBS

If you wait long enough the worm will turn—probably from fruit to nuts.

A Chicago barber was gagged when his shop was robbed. No robber has time to stop and talk.

Americans really are spreading out and settling down. Seventy-seven out of every 10,000 draftees call for size 12 shoes.

There would be more men at the top of the profession if peo-ple could find a way of sliding up.

The question arises, isn't there anything we can do about the new income tax? Sure! Pay it!

You can make folks believe you if you tell them something they want to hear.

A lot of us are surprised at where we are because we didn't look where we were going.

WEATHER STATISTICS

By the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Humidity 4:30 p.m. yesterday 95%
Highest temperature yesterday 53
Lowest temperature last night 38
Precipitation for 24 hours .22
Precip. since first of month .32
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1940 17.03
Excess since Sept. 1, 1940 1.73

OUT OUR WAY



Truck, Speed and School Problems Face Legislators

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM, Jan. 9.—(AP)—One of the most bitter battles of the 1941 legislature is expected to be over the bill to permit bigger trucks on the state highways.

The bill, to permit trucks to increase their maximum gross weights from 54,000 pounds to 68,000 pounds, has the blessing of the state highway depart-ment, but the railroads and some road enthusiasts will oppose it vigorously.

The truckers argue that Ore-gon is a bottle-neck for them in that its load limits are smallest in the west. They have to split their loads when their trucks enter the state. They contend, and the highway commission agrees, that it won't hurt the roads to permit bigger loads, because the weight will be properly dis-tributed on the axles.

The truckers assert that the motorist should approve the bill because it would mean fewer trucks on the highways, since it would not be necessary to split the loads.

But opponents charge the big trucks would ruin the highways, and the railroads don't want to lose any more business to the truckers.

A similar measure was killed at the last session.

Speed Law Seems Doomed

The highway commission will sponsor another bill which so far has not produced any opposi-tion. They would repeal the present basic rule speed law (which police say is so indefinite that they can't convict any speed-ers) and substitute a fixed speed limit of 40 miles an hour.

The bill also would give the commission authority to set low-er limits where high speeds are unsafe. A like measure was bur-ied in committee during the last session because some legislators thought it would give the high-way commission too much pow-er.

School Law Revised

Another attempt will be made to pass Governor Charles A. Sprague's school equalization law, defeated in the last session. The measure is designed to com-pel the richer districts to help poorer districts within the same county.

If one school district in a county has a rich utility with in its boundaries, that district's fi-nancial problems are solved. All the district has to do is to tax the utility.

But if another district in the same county has no rich prop-erty within its boundaries, it is in a bad way. As a result, chil-dren in the richer district ob-tain better instruction than do those in the poorer one. The bill, opposed by the richer districts, would equalize this.

Tourist Law Assailed
Secretary of State Earl Stettin will ask the legislature to repeal the law under which non-res-ident automobile tourists are re-quired to register anyway, and the 12 who have given the state a bad name among tourists.

The governor will continue his reformation efforts by asking the legislature to require loggers to leave seed trees, and to pre-vent cutting of immature trees.

Two-Cent Package Tax on Cigarettes Is Proposed

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—(AP)—

A two-cent-per-package state tax on cigarettes is proposed in a measure sponsored by the Mult-nomah County Merchants' asso-ciation for introduction at the

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

The words of Jesus are es-sential for right living. He said these words "are spirit and life," the term translated "spirit" may mean in the origi-nal breath. The alternative, though not best here, is sug-gestive: these words are vital like the air we breathe. We cannot have real life, the life God planned for us without them. They give power, as the breath taken into the body brings elements necessary to sustain it, making life not only possible but enjoyable. So the message of Jesus comes into the soul, bringing spiri-tual help and vigor. Christian experience has its dwelling place in the heart. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." The followers of Jesus have an in-ner possession. This may be cultivated and aided by rituals and other good forms of wor-ship, but the more one knows of Christ, His spiritual pres-ence abides in the soul. One has supreme confidence and can say, I know whom I have believed. God reaches the peo-ple of the world principally through those who know Him, and make Him known to the world through witnessing power. Amen.

coming session of the state leg-islature.

Clarence R. Wagoner, presi-dent of the association, said the bill would raise an approximate \$2,000,000 annually for the gen-eral fund. He asserted the meas-ure also was designed to bring compliance with the fair trade acts insofar as tobacco sales are concerned.

MEXICAN LEADER

HORIZONTAL

1. New president of Mexico.
11. Retiree person.
12. Delicate purple.
14. Branches.
16. Bronze.
17. Golf clubs.
19. Small tumor.
20. Note in scale.
21. To ascend.
22. To harvest.
24. Road (abbr.).
25. Abhorrence.
26. God of war.
28. Black wood.
30. Centers.
32. Corner.
34. Waistcoat.
35. Scheme.
37. Married.
38. Therefore.
40. Sooner than.
41. Form of "a."
42. Mine.
43. Italian river.
45. Undeniable.
50. Form of "I."
51. Cleft.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



House Republican Says He Doesn't Trust Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(AP)—

Rep. Taber (R., N. Y.) said to-day that he did "not trust" Pres-ident Roosevelt and that the chief executive "will go down in his-tory as the most incompetent ad-ministrator that this country has ever known."

Taber, ranking republican on the house appropriations com-mittee, issued his statement as a reply to remarks by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt yesterday that she was "astonished and saddened" because, she said, re-publican members of congress had not applauded during the president's delivery of his annual message Monday.

"I think that the statement," Taber said, "entitles us to have an opportunity to tell why some of us did not applaud the presi-dent."

"The reason I did not applaud him was because I do not trust him. I have followed him twice and he has betrayed me."

The New Yorker asserted that he had been instrumental in get-ting through the economy act several years ago but that the president "destroyed" it "by cutting the compensation of war-disabled veterans—in many cases more than 50 per cent—and by contradictory policies, such as the AAA and the NRA."

Taber also said he did not "have confidence" in Sidney Hill-man, the labor leader appointed yesterday by President Roosevelt to be associate director of pro-

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Combination of Land, Sea, Air Power Major Factor in War Gains; Final Victory Depends on Invasion by Land

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

(By The Associated Press)

If you want a gauge by which to measure the military potentialities of the chief belligerents in the European war—and maybe pick yourself the winner—you can take it from the conquest of Bardia in the Libyan desert.

Bardia fell in a simultaneous triple assault—from land, from the air and from the sea. Here we have the perfect example of the efficiency of a combination of the three fighting services working in unison.

Such a coordination of the forces of a first class power is calculated to be invincible, unless countered in kind.

If you can name the belligerent which has the three services best developed, or has the facilities for developing them well and rapidly, then you may have found the potential winner of the war. The country lacking any one of these three fighting arms is laboring under a terrible handicap.

That country is like the old-fashioned milking stool, with one of its legs missing. Ever see one of those three-legged contraptions? I've even been kicked off one by an unyielding cow, and know that the stool can't stand without all three legs.

The Italians at Bardia had two of the services—a strong mechanized land force and an air fleet. But because they lacked the sea-power they couldn't withstand the British triple assault.

The Greco-British victory over the Italians in Greece and Albania was at least partly due to the fact that the allies could call on

the British fleet, thereby being able to counter the fascists in all three services—and with greater skill.

France was plowed under by Germans partly because she was woefully weak in the air—partly because of other circumstances, including nazi fifth column activities.

Land Invasion Needed.

These and other operations of the war have taught us another basic truth. Most experts now agree that, if we are dealing with major powers, there isn't likely to be complete victory without invasion by land. Sea power and air power, either separately or together, might almost achieve defeat of the enemy, but the mopping up operation must be performed by the hob-nailed infantry.

That's why Germany is straining every nerve to try to find an opening to invade England. Hitler has used everything he had in an effort to knock John Bull out, and now recognizes that he must get troops ashore to do the job.

The nazi chief probably could have achieved this long ago had he not lacked one of the great fighting arms—a navy. He has a numerically superior air force and the most perfect army the world has seen. However, he's been trying to make his air force serve not only for its very capable self but for a navy as well.

This is the reason the British are confident the nazi can't make the invasion stick, and why many military experts feel the same way. The German air force is good, but not that good.

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G. C. Huggins Named Coos County's Representative

COQUILLE, Jan. 9.—(AP)—

The Coos county court yesterday named George C. Huggins, 47, Marshfield insurance man, as state representative to succeed J. H. McCloskey, who resigned because of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Huggins, who has been in business with his brother, Charles H., for 22 years here, recently opened a branch office in Salem.

He has served on the local school board, has been a community chest worker and participated in various community activities.

Huggins announced that his daughter, Helen Ann, a student at the University of Oregon, would act as his secretary.

B. P. O. ELKS

Regular meeting Thursday evening, January 9. Brothers, don't miss this meeting.

(Adv.) Ira B. Riddle, Sec'y.