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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
every dollar is spent. This is a
fundamental principle of demo-
cratic government.

WITH the annual approach of

spring comes also the annual
spring opening display of the
merchants of our city. This year
the annual opening is going to be
something of a "whopper." The
merchants' committee of the
Roseburg chamber of commerce
has been at work on the project
some two months. The gigantic
"phony money" promotion—the
green auction bucks plan—
was developed a few weeks ago
and customers of Roseburg
stores and business houses are
collecting this fake currency in
great quantities.

But the fake dough, we are
told, is actually not such a fake.
It will be used to purchase per-
fectly genuine and valuable mer-
chandise. The plan, as every-
one already knows, is to have a
great auction Saturday after-
noon following the formal open-
ing Friday evening. The only
currency used in the purchasing
of things at this auction—and
there will be plenty of things to
purchase—will be the green auc-
tion bucks.

All in all, the plan is fine—
will provide plenty of fun, and
those who have carefully hoarded
their green bucks, received
with purchases made at Rose-
burg stores, will take home some
fine gifts.

Yesterday the progress through
the Oregon legislature of the bill
to tax cigarettes two cents a
package was described. It was
stated that the entire story was
not yet told.

There are two possible rea-
sons why the tax may never be
levied. First, and we shall know
the answer on this point very
shortly, the bill does not become a
law until the governor has signed
it. He has the power to veto it.

Secondly, there is alleged to be
a flaw in the title of the bill.
Senator Dorothy Lee very care-
fully and thoroughly explained
the situation to the senate. The
difficulty was simply this: The
title of the bill makes no mention
of the fact that a portion of the
revenue to be derived from the
proposed tax is to go to vocational
education the remainder to be
for old age pensions. But the
bill itself clearly sets out the di-
vision of revenue. The lawyers
say that the high court may quite
likely throw the measure out be-
cause the title is inaccurate—they
are very fussy about such things.

Of course the voters, if they so
desire, may have the last word
on this as they have upon any
and all other questions. The cig-
arette tax may be referred to a
vote of the people by initiative
petition. Some rumbling of this
possibility was heard around the
halls of the legislature before the
ink on the final roll call sheet
was dry.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

to the president's words. We

have a job ahead of us.

THE news from abroad still
consists principally of rum-
ors, but the rumor that the Brit-
ish are landing troops in Greece
in Greece seems to be pretty well
substantiated.

If they ARE landing troops in

Greece in anything like the num-
bers indicated by the rumors
(along with the necessary equip-
ment) it must mean that they
have a fairly well-founded belief
that the Turks will fight with
them, at least if Turkey is at-
tacked. The least that can be
said is that they are backing up
their promise to the Greeks and
the Turks with performance.
They must also be seeking to
stiffen the resolution of Yugo-
slavia to resist Hitler.

LOOKING a little deeper into
the crystal ball, all this must
mean that the British are delib-
erately seeking to lead Hitler in-
to war on another front, which
is the event he has sought to
avoid since the beginning of the
war.

THE British, of course, (assum-
ing that the rumors are
bearing are founded on fact) are
running a bluff on Hitler, daring
him to open up warfare on a ma-
jor scale on the Balkan front.
In effect, they are saying to
him that while defending them-
selves in England they are not
afraid to threaten him in the
Balkans.

The poker game is getting stiff-
er day by day.

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REMAINING HOURS TODAY

- 4:00—Lest We Forget.
- 4:15—Ma Perkins, Oxydol, MBS.
- 4:30—Musical Matinee, MBS.
- 4:45—Concert Varieties.
- 5:00—Mystery Hall, MBS.
- 5:15—Varieties.
- 5:45—Capt. Midnight, Ovaltine, MBS.
- 5:00—Interlude.
- 6:05—News, Calif. Pacific Utili- ties.
- 6:10—Dinner Music.
- 6:15—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
- 6:30—John B. Hughes, MBS.
- 6:45—Guy Lombardo's Orch., MBS.
- 7:00—Dance Time.
- 7:30—Lone Ranger, MBS.
- 8:00—Talk by Arthur Mann, MBS.
- 8:15—The Three Sons, MBS.
- 8:30—Adventures in Rhythm, MBS.
- 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, Glen Hardy, MBS.
- 9:15—Gene Krupa's Orch., MBS.
- 9:30—Jan Garber's Orch., MBS.
- 10:00—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 6:45—Eye Opener.
- 7:00—News, Los Angeles Soap Co., MBS.
- 7:15—Stuff and Nonsense.
- 7:40—State and Local News.
- 7:45—Rhapsody in Wax.
- 8:00—"Good Morning Neigh- bors," Neighbors of Wood- craft, MBS.
- 8:30—News, Spreckel's Sugar, MBS.
- 8:45—U. S. Navy Band, MBS.
- 9:00—Interlude.
- 9:05—Conservation Reporter, MBS.
- 9:15—Man About Town.
- 9:30—Varieties.
- 9:45—Keep Fit to Music, MBS.
- 10:00—Dance Melodies.
- 10:15—Hollywood Whispers, Ma- ra-Oil, MBS.
- 10:30—Helen Holden, Gov't Girl, MBS.
- 10:45—Bachelor's Children, Old Dutch Cleaners, MBS.
- 11:00—Friendly Neighbors, Alka Seltzer, MBS.
- 11:15—Standard School of the Air, Standard Oil, MBS.
- 11:45—School of the Air, MBS.
- 12:00—Luncheon Music.
- 12:15—Sport News, Truck Sales and Service Co., owned by L. R. Chambers, and the Dunham Transfer Co., Rhythm at Random.
- 12:25—Five Minute Melody Time, Golden West.
- 12:45—News, Hansen Motor Co.
- 12:50—News-Review of the Air.
- 1:00—Henninger's Man on the Street.
- 1:15—Confessions of a Corsair, MBS.
- 1:30—Johnson Family, MBS.
- 1:45—The Bookworm, MBS.
- 2:00—At Your Command.
- 2:15—As the Twig Is Bent, Post's Bran Flakes, MBS.
- 2:30—To Be Announced.
- 2:45—Let's Play Bridge, MBS.
- 3:00—A. P. News, MBS.
- 3:05—Jimmy Richards' Orch., MBS.
- 3:15—I'll Find My Way, MBS.
- 3:30—Jack Coffee's Orch., MBS.
- 3:45—Dance Time.
- 4:15—Ma Perkins, Oxydol, MBS.
- 4:30—String Quartet Recital, MBS.
- 4:45—Sentimental Concert, MBS.
- 5:00—Symphony.
- 5:15—Border Patrol, MBS.
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- 6:45—Melodies Modern.
- 7:00—Talk by John Paul Dixon, MBS.
- 7:15—Dance Orchestra.
- 7:30—Wythe Williams, Star Blades, MBS.
- 7:45—Art Linkletter, MBS.

OUT OUR WAY



Britain Beaten If She Doesn't Get U. S. Help, View

(By the Associated Press)

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

The surprise isn't in British Premier Churchill's announce- ment that German U-boats and battle cruisers have been operat- ing on what he refers to as "the American side of the Atlantic," but in the fact that they haven't been found in these waters be- fore.

Germany, Italy and Japan—the triple alliance—have made it em- phatically clear that they consid- er the United States already in the war because of our all-out aid to Britain. A natural corollary is their presence on our side of the fence.

Of course, their saying so won't put us into the war unless they back their charges with action. When they start sinking ships 1,500 miles off our coast, however, it certainly creates what might be described euphemistically as a delicate situation.

Herr Hitler has declared that every ship—bar none—carrying supplies for Britain will be sunk. He has decreed that no American supplies must reach England.

Emphasis would seem to have been given this declaration by British admiralty figures issued yesterday for Anglo-allied mer- chant shipping losses. For the week ending March 9 they were given as 98,232 tons, and for the previous week 141,314. These fig- ures were contrasted with weekly losses averaging 75,000 tons in February and 53,000 in January.

That's something for the allies to worry about. If England doesn't get supplies she will be hungry in a few months and her vital industries will have to close. In other words she will be beaten. Britain feels that the way to defeat the German submarine campaign is to supplement her navy quickly with more Ameri- can warships. Assuming our non-belligerency, that could be done in either of two ways:

1. By lending more American naval ships to the British to man and operate under the union jack.
2. By sending our ships out under their own stars and stripes to act as patrols to convoy mer- chantmen.

There seems to be no alterna- tive. Actually, too, while Britain could man a considerable number more ships, she probably couldn't man a sufficient number soon enough to meet the emergency. That rather puts it up to our Uncle Sam to consider how far he wants to go.

Now any warships which are conveying or patrolling in the submarine-infested Atlantic lane are liable to be damaged or sunk. This means that if American war- ships should be used under their own flag, and one of them got torpedoed, we should sure enough be in the war, officially or other- wise.

Illiterate Man Presents Auto License Problem

PORTLAND, March 19.—(AP)—Municipal Judge Julius Cohn yesterday tossed the buck to the secretary of state rather than decide whether an illiterate man

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Finland Given New Credit to Relieve Shortage of Food

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—Finland yesterday receiv- ed a \$5,000,000 credit from the export-import bank to relieve its food shortage.

The Finnish government has been negotiating for food relief almost since the end of its war with Russia. In the meantime arrangements were made for the Red Cross to take care of some of the most urgent Finnish needs.

Jesse H. Jones, federal loan administrator, announced that the export-import bank had made a maximum of \$5,000,000 worth of credits available to the Finns "primarily for the purchase of food within the next few months."

The sum is in addition to \$30- 000,000 worth of credits extended to the Bank of Finland during the Russian invasion. Of that sum Jones said, \$22,000,000 has been used up and the remainder obligated.

Finland also owes the treasury \$8,369,102 on its post-world war relief loan.

For many years Finland was the only foreign power regular- ly meeting its installment ob- ligations to the United States.

Arrive For Visit—Mr. and Mrs. W. Blumer, of Minneapolis, Minn., have arrived in Roseburg for a visit with the latter's sister, Miss Marie Martens, on North Jack- son street. Mrs. Blumer was formerly Miss Irma Martens of Roseburg.

Highest Golf Course
Clouderoff, New Mexico, lays claim to having the loftiest golf course in the United States. Situated atop the Sacramento moun- tains, the course is 9000 feet above sea level.

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The Red Cross, the president added, was now completing ar- rangements for two cargoes of rations for two carloads of food for unemployed France.

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He had slipped thus to her apartment at 1 a. m. as he had often done in the past weeks. No one had observed his coming and going, he felt, and he had made sure that all windows and shades were closed now. But he was not the suave Andre of past visits here. This call was not for pleasure, it was a business call by a definitely nervous man.

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He looked narrowly at her. Then he walked to her little kit- chenette and got himself a drink. He paused, drank another glass of liquor, and let his feelings cool. He came back to her smil- ing.

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"Thank you," he said. "I ap- preciate your coming. I'll be glad to pay you gentlemen whatever you wish for your work, and—"

"Hold on! I didn't say it clear, I reckon, sir. We didn't come here hunting jobs. We—well, the fact is, Mr. Bailey, we was try- ing to be neighborly. Now out here in the southwest, when a man gets burnt out why we all mostly pitch in and help him, see? It don't take hardly no time and work that away. No sir, we couldn't take no pay."

Mr. Bailey just stared, Ronica, who had been with him, made a gesture as if to touch the ranch- er tenderly, and her eyes sudden- ly were misty.

"We know you got enough money and all that," the ranch- er went on, "but that ain't it, Mr. Bailey. Fact is, people out here was comin' to like you and Miss Ronica. You got five cowboys on your pay roll. They told around what sort you was. Now, out here—"

"Lordy!" Thomas U. Bailey sort of rumbled that. His voice wouldn't behave very well. "I can't buy that in New York. . . . I can't buy that any where in God's world, gentlemen! . . . I want to shake your hands."

The scene apparently touched Andre Girardeau, too.

When he had looked approx- imately at plans already roughly drawn for the new ranch home,

SERIAL STORY

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