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Ruml Tax Plan

APPARENTLY congress is giv-
ing some consideration to the
revolutionary income tax plan
suggested by Beardsley Ruml,
treasurer of a large New York
department store, chairman of the
Federal Reserve bank of New
York and adviser to the national
resources planning board.

In that event, the 27 millions
who will pay an income tax next
year should get busy and let con-
gress know what they think of
the idea.

What do they think of it? We
don't know. But we believe that
the more the public considers the
plan, the stronger may be the
pressure on congress to accept
Mr. Ruml's suggestion.

What this experienced finan-
cier proposes, in brief, is that the
treasury discard the fiction that
taxes paid in any one year are on
the earnings of the previous year.

In a hypothetical case, here is
how it would work:
Mr. John Q. Public in 1942 will
earn a total of \$3,500. Under the
present system, next March 15 he
must try to pay an income tax on
that salary. But next year he will
be in the army, drawing \$50 a
month or a total of \$600.

Unless he is one of a small mi-
nority, he has not saved this year
the money with which to pay the
tax next March. He intended to
pay it out of 1943 earnings. Ob-
viously he will not be able to do
that.

So Mr. Ruml proposes that the
tax paid by Mr. Public next March
be considered as on his 1943 in-
come. He will have to pay a tax
measured by the \$3,500 he earned
this year. But, knowing that he
will be in line for a refund at the
end of the year, at worst he can
borrow the necessary sum.

On the other hand, consider
Mr. J. P. Rich, whose company is
doing a big war business and, un-
like most such, is increasing its
profit. Mr. Rich this year will
make only \$35,000. Next March 15
he will pay a tax on that amount.
The next year, 1943, he is going
to make \$50,000. If Mr. Ruml's
plan is adopted, Rich won't escape
with the tax on \$35,000 in a year
in which he made \$50,000.

When Rich pays on March 15,
1944, he will fork over the amount
established by the \$50,000 he
made in 1943, plus a tax on the
extra \$15,000 on which he did not
pay in 1943.

In other words, the tax each
year would be measured tentatively
by the past year's earnings.
If with this is combined a with-
holding tax after next Jan. 1, then
nobody in the working class
brackets would have to worry
about where to find the money to
pay his income tax. Most of it al-
ready would have been paid out of
earnings, week by week.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

vering over thousands of miles of
ocean, seeking to catch the other
fellow off guard.

This may go on for weeks or
even months.

THE Russian situation seems to
grow progressively more des-
perate.

The Germans are hammering
at the defenses of Stalingrad.
More disturbing still, one of their
flying columns is reported to have
reached the Caspian just below
Astrakhan, at the mouth of the
Volga. (Consult your map if you
want to understand the meaning
of this reported development.)

Not much less disturbing is the
report from German sources re-
cent for days and not yet dis-
proved) that another German
force has reached the summit of
the Caucasus range and is threat-
ening to break down into the

plains to the south where the
great oil fields lie.

REMEMBER at this point, how-
ever, that the Germans got
within 38 miles of Moscow last
fall, yet failed to take the city. In
war, one can never be certain in
advance what is going to happen.

THE Japs are still retreating in
China, and the Chinese say the
Kiangsi province situation
(300 to 400 miles southwest of
Shanghai) has been restored to
the status prevailing before the
Japs started their big push in
May. Both the Chuhien and
Lishui airfields are reported in
the possession of the Chinese.

The Tokyo radio says:
"The Japanese forces on the
Chekiang-Kiangsi front began on
August 19 a readjustment of their
battle lines in order to secure a
more militarily advantageous
position in READINESS FOR FU-
TURE ACTION."

The mystery remains unsolved.

THE German high command
claims to have captured a Brit-
ish order showing that the big
Dieppe commando raid was the
beginning of an allied second
front invasion.

You will understand, of course,
that German propaganda aims to
show it was just that and that it
was BEATEN OFF by the power
of German arms.

That makes the German people
feel better. (Which is one of pro-
paganda's continuing purposes.)

NO one outside the top leaders
on our side knows what the
Dieppe raid really was. It may
have been just a rehearsal. If it
had been outstandingly successful,
it might have developed into an
invasion.

SO far, we have been dealing
with the forthright activities of
FIGHTING MEN. Let us turn
now for a moment to the devious
and far less admirable activities
of politicians.

Henry J. Kaiser's outfit, you
must have noted, is under attack
in the courts for buying some
steel at higher than ceiling prices.
Why?

Well, as nearly as this writer
can determine, he wanted the
steel to BUILD SHIPS NOW,
when they are so sorely needed,
to FIGHT THE JAPS AND THE
GERMANS with. In order to get
the steel, he was willing to pay
higher prices for it, thus reducing
his own profits.

Instead of praising him, the
bureaucrats set the dogs of the
law on him.

A SMALLER man might have
been resentful. A VERY
SMALL man would have been re-
sistful enough to sulk in his tent.

Fortunately Kaiser is BIG.
His Richmond yards have just
launched a 10,000-ton ship in 24
days—faster than a ship of sim-
ilar size was ever built before
since the world began. Instead of
being sulky and hurt and resent-
ful, Kaiser announces that he and
"his boys" (meaning the men who
work for him) will turn in and
build a ship before long in EIGH-
TEEN DAYS.

That is how BIG men react
when their country is in dire
peril.

WHEN this war is finally won,
it will be men of imagina-
tion, initiative, courage and pa-
triotism, like Kaiser, who will
have been chiefly instrumental in
winning it.

The piddling political bureau-
crats will only have hampered
and delayed.

KRNR

Mutual Broadcasting System,
1490 Kilocycles.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

- 4:00 Captain Leland Lovett,
Guest Speaker on Fulton
Lewis, Jr.
- 4:15 Johnson Family.
- 4:30 Bob Crosby's Orchestra.
- 4:45 Talk by Aubrey Williams,
National Youth Adminis-
tration Leader.
- 5:00 U. S. Army Program.
- 5:15 Superman.
- 5:30 The Federal Airt.
- 6:00 Dinner Concert.
- 6:30 Jamboree.
- 6:45 Interlude.
- 6:50 Copco News.
- 6:55 Keepsake Time. Knud-
son's.
- 7:00 John B. Hughes, Anacin.
ton.
- 7:15 Tommy Tucker's Orches-
tra.
- 7:30 Morton Gould's Orchestra.
- 8:00 George Duff's Orches-
tra.
- 8:15 Dick Kuhn's Orchestra.
- 8:30 Anthony Bruno's Orches-
tra.
- 9:00 Alka Seltzer News.
- 9:15 Round-Up in the Sky, E. G.
High, Insurance.
- 9:30 John B. Hughes, Stude-
baker.
- 9:45 Captain Leland Lovett,

OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

Concerning the
NORTHWEST
As Viewed at the
National Capitol
By
John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 1.
It was the price of northwest
lumber that made Bernard Baruch
the all-powerful chief of war
production board in the first
world war. Mr. Baruch had a
showdown with President Wilson
and thereafter whatever Baruch
said "went," for he had the back-
ing of the chief executive. A
lack of this backing is what has
made Donald Nelson a football
for the army, navy, lend-lease
and maritime commission, and
the war production board is not
performing the things that Presi-
dent Roosevelt mentioned in his
executive order creating WPB
(which succeeded OPM, and that
supplanted the national indus-
trial board.)

Mr. Baruch's assistant in charge
of lumber came to an understand-
ing with all the sawmills from
Port Angeles to Medford. This
was to be the lumber price. South-
ern lumbermen rounded up a
group of southern senators and
went to the White House to see
the president, to knock the stuff-
ing out of the agreement with the
northwest. President Wilson
was a southerner himself, and
listened attentively to what the
delegation had to say; he was
impressed, and sent for Baruch.
The president explained that the
southerners wanted the scalp of
Baruch's assistant; wished to de-
signate someone of their own in
his place. There was, said Presi-
dent Wilson, considerable logic
in the demand.

When the president finished
talking Baruch informed him that
he could have the head of the
division chief "and with it goes
my own resignation." Continued
Mr. Baruch: "I either have the
authority over war industry, and
alone, or I resign."

President Wilson assured Mr.
Baruch he would not interfere;
that he had delegated all au-
thority to him and would look to
him for results, and hold him
alone responsible. From that day
forward the judgement and word
of Baruch were unquestioned and,
after a fashion, he was a dictator;
but President Wilson and all
America knew that at the top of
the war machine was one man
only, and he was getting results.

Donald Nelson has similar
authority, under the executive
order, but he is not backed up by
President Roosevelt. General
Somervell, Harry Hopkins and
others close to the White House
take what they want; there is
no coordination, notwithstanding
that the government is full of
coordinators.

Nelson Smothered

Judge Samuel (Sammy the
Rose), the great reconstructor
who has shifted from ghosting
fireside chats to planning reor-
ganization, laid on the president's
desk last week one of several
plans for streamlining the war
effort. In effect, this would
create a super-war board,
superimposed on war production
board, on office of price adminis-
tration and other agencies. It
provided for a super-board of
five men such as Donald Nelson,
Leon Henderson, Jesse Jones
(because he handles the money),
a representative from war and

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

A Prayer

Our Father, we humbly and
reverently bow in Thy Pres-
ence confessing our sins of
omission and commission, and
worshipping Thee for Thy good-
ness and mercy that have fol-
lowed us all our days. We do
not come to Thee because we
deserve Thy favor. We have a
real sense of unworthiness;
but we come in the name and
merit of Jesus Christ, our
prophet, priest and king, and
we beseech Thee for His sake
to hear and help us. We look
out upon our broken and bleed-
ing world and we pray Thee to
so bless Thy church that she
may as never before give Thy
glorious gospel of the blessed
God to the confused minds and
broken hearts of all peoples.
May Thy ministers with eager
hearts and consecrated lives
give themselves wholly to the
task which Thou hast commit-
ted to them. Bless all who are
fighting for us, or in any way
helping to preserve our free-
dom. May the day soon come
when we shall gladly share all
our blessings with all the peo-
ple of the earth, both friends
and foes. Above all, help us not
to trust in the new orders of
men, but in the spirit of the
kingdom of God. May we be
true in this dark day to the
message and witness to which
we are called, and in all things
love and please Thee.—(V. C.
A.) Amen.

Birth statistics show that quad-
ruplets appear once in 658,403
births.

The British Empire covers
about one-fourth of the world's
habitable land surface.

STATESMAN

HORIZONTAL

- 17 Pictured
statesman.
- 12 Sheep's cry.
- 14 Pedal digit.
- 16 Bone.
- 18 Varnish
ingredient.
- 19 Vegetable.
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27 Beverage.

29 Insects.

30 Eribum
(symbol).

32 Snake.

34 Any.

36 Material to
fill spaces.

37 2000 pounds.

38 Fowl.

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STATESMAN

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Times Change...
BUT NOT YOUR TASTE!

During the past few years, whiskey lovers have
voted through their purchases, an overwhelming
preference for full 90 proof straight whiskies,
such as Century Club.

Though times have changed, your taste is the
same. Insist on Century Club, the whiskey that
is still 90 proof and fully matured—every drop
5 years old.



THIS WHISKY IS
5 years old
BE SURE WITH
CENTURY CLUB
STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKY
FULL 90 PROOF
\$2.10 QT.
\$1.25 PT.

News of Men

From
Douglas
County
In War Service

Lieutenant Bill Wren, son
of Mr. and Mrs. William D.
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