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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday.

In the Day's News

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will WIN. All we don't know is WHEN.

NO loss of life can be light to those who suffer it, but in the broad picture, balancing our losses against the Japs' losses, they were amazingly small—leaving us free to go after the Jap for the kill.

The Jap navy was at least half destroyed in the Philippines battle—and ours was larger to begin with. In addition, the British announced some time ago that they were sending to the Pacific a fleet capable in itself of taking on the WHOLE JAP FLEET.

That will mean inevitably that in the not too distant future the Japs are going to lose their WHOLE ISLAND EMPIRE, with its priceless (to them) stores of war-materials, and be driven back to the Asiatic mainland—in time to their own poverty-stricken mainland.

WHAT everybody wants to know, of course, is WHEN we will win. The reason that question can't be answered lies largely in the JAP MIND—which is peculiar and according to modern standards not entirely human.

As a part of the Navy day observances, one of our top officers in our supply service in the Pacific told of his personal observations in the course of a recent tour of the Jap war areas. He said that many, possibly even MOST, of the captured Jap private soldiers believed at the time of their capture (some of them can't be convinced to the contrary, he added) that they are fighting on UNITED STATES SOIL.

Most of these deluded little yellow men, he said, thought they were fighting in TEXAS. Others were certain they were in California!

When we remember that we are dealing with minds capable of such complete indoctrination as that, it becomes evident that we can't answer definitely the question as to when the Pacific war will end.

TO some extent, we face this same problem of indoctrination in Europe. Most reports agree that the OLDER Germans are convinced that they have lost the war and would like to quit and get out SOMEWAY. But the fanatical Hitler youth seems still ready to fight to the death.

Indoctrination is a dangerous weapon in the hands of men such as Hitler and the militarists who rule Japan.

RECALL of General Stilwell from the U. S. command in China is puzzling. We outsiders don't know enough about China to reach intelligent conclusions. It is quite evident, however, that all isn't sweetness and light in China. There are troubles there. And FACTIONS. There are the communists of northern China. There are still war-torn

THE TOWNSEND MEASURE

By Charles Y. Stanton

THE most controversial and in our opinion, most dangerous measure appearing upon the Nov. 7th election ballot is the so-called "Little Townsend" amendment. Under the title "Constitutional Amendment Providing Monthly Annuities From a Gross Income Tax," this measure would impose a tax ranging from 3 to 5 per cent on all forms of income to raise funds to pay \$60 per month to every person 60 years of age or older who ceased profitable labor, regardless of whether the annuitant needed financial assistance.

The measure is controversial only in the fact that a great number of deserving, elderly people are seeking by this means to provide old-age security and are fervently working for its passage. Few of these people are economists. They fail to realize the disastrous effects upon our tax system and state economy which a gross income tax of the type proposed would produce.

We could fill several entire editions of a newspaper with arguments for and against this measure, but we believe a brief discussion of the gross income tax feature should be sufficient to expose the peril inherent in the proposed amendment.

Remember that this is a tax on GROSS, not NET, incomes. It is important that this fact be thoroughly understood. Furthermore this GROSS income tax would be IN ADDITION to all other taxes. In other words, if you are a wage earner you would pay from \$30 to \$50 annually on each \$1,000 of your income, IN ADDITION to all other taxes. You would be permitted no deductions. PAYMENTS WOULD BE REQUIRED MONTHLY.

Townsendites point out that 3 to 5 per cent is not a great deal to pay for old-age security. That would be true if the tax did not exceed such amount. But let's consider a few samples of how this gross income tax would operate.

Take the case of a Douglas county sheep grower who sells his wool to a buyer. The grower pays 3 per cent on the total amount he receives from sale of his wool—no deductions. The buyer sells to a carder and pays another 3 per cent. The carder sells to the textile mill—more tax. The textile mill sells to a tailor who makes a suit of clothes—3 per cent. The tailor sells to a wholesaler—3 per cent. The wholesaler sells to a retailer—3 per cent. The retailer sells the suit and pays another tax. The suit of clothes is bought by a consumer who already has had 3 per cent deducted from his wages. Eight transactions are involved, each carrying a tax of 3 per cent. The accumulated taxes would be added to the cost of the garment and would be paid by the consumer.

What chance would our farmers have in competition against growers in Idaho, for instance, where no such tax would be applied? A suit manufactured in Idaho could be shipped into Oregon and sold without tax additions. What would that do to our wool and textile industry?

Let's take, as another example, the case of a grocery store. This store, we will assume, does a gross business of \$50,000. The grocer's "mark-up"—the difference between what he pays for the merchandise and the price for which he sells it—we will assume to be 15 per cent. Out of this 15 per cent at least 5 per cent will be for overhead, the cost of operating his business. Ten per cent is NET profit. But the grocer does not pay on NET profit. He must pay his 3 per cent, or \$1,500, on his GROSS income of \$50,000. Therefore he is paying a tax, not of 3 per cent but of 30 per cent. This cost would be passed on to the consumers, who already would have paid a 3 per cent tax on their incomes.

The gross income feature of this proposal would also be most unfair in the case of a "one-crop" farmer.

Consider, as an example, the case of a grower who produces nothing but turkeys. He works all year, buying feed, meeting the normal running expenses of his farm; everything going out, nothing coming in. Then, at Christmas time, he sells his turkeys. His tax would be three per cent of his GROSS sale. There would be no credit for his expenses, operating costs, etc. It is entirely possible, if turkey prices were low, that he would have receipts of barely more than his costs. He might even show a loss, as turkey farmers well know happens occasionally. But he would still be subject to a tax of three per cent on the total amount of his sale.

This is a "tax of three per centum of all of the gross income of EVERY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, CO-PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION (the capitals are our own) residing or doing business in Oregon." Fraternal, religious and charitable institutions are exempt.

The "Little Townsend" measure provides more than simply a GROSS income tax. It is a PYRAMIDING tax. Townsendites are failing to realize that "all is not gold that glitters." The \$60 monthly they would receive would do them little more good than the meager old age benefits now furnished, when they had to pay the inflated cost of merchandise which passage of this measure would produce.

Oregon is preparing to make strong efforts to secure industrial expansion in the postwar period. The "Little Townsend" measure would not only scare off any new industry, but would chase out of the state the industries now operating.

This assertion, of course, is denied by the proponents of the measure, who claim the provision that the \$60 annuity must be spent within the month in which it is received would stimulate industry. But wealth cannot be measured by money. During periods of inflation people starve to death while loaded down with worthless money.

The "Little Townsend" measure should receive an emphatic "NO!"

problems. China ISN'T a democracy, as we understand the term. She may be someday, but not yet.

It seems fairly clear that Stilwell's recall is not a personal demotion for him. We'll probably give him another and BIGGER job. Apparently, he just reached the end of his rope in China.

IN Europe, at the moment, we're wholly engaged in mopping up

OUT OUR WAY



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- BEST BETS FOR TODAY WEDNESDAY 6:30—Governor Dewey Speech. 7:15—Lowell Thomas. 8:00—Main Line. 8:30—BullDOG Drummond. 9:00—Newspaper of the Air. THURSDAY 8:00—Haven of Rest. 9:00—Boake Carter. 10:15—Terry's House Party. 11:30—Jane Cowl. 12:15—R. H. S. on the Air. 6:15—Screen Test. 6:30—Music You Remember. 7:45—Songs of Good Cheer. 8:00—Return Address, APO. 9:45—Music for the Night.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough, Chemical Co. 4:15—Tune Tabloid. 4:30—Up to the Minute. 4:45—Music Off the Record. 5:00—Wayne Morse for Senator. 5:15—Superman. 5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina. 5:45—Night News Wire, Studenbaker. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Tooth Paste. 6:15—Screen Test, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. 6:30—Governor Dewey, Republican National Committee. 7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co. 7:05—Musical Interlude. 7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co. 7:30—Lone Ranger. 8:00—Main Line, Southern Pacific. 8:30—BullDOG Drummond, 42 Products. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News. 9:15—Service Salute, E. G. High. 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Kampfer's Sav Mor. 9:45—Rupert Hughes, Republican National Committee. Sign Off. 10:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 6:45—Yawn Patrol. 6:45—Schricker Auction. 7:00—News, White King Soap. 7:15—Stuff and Nonsense. 7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical. 7:35—The Beehive. 7:40—Rhapsody in Wax. 8:00—Haven of Rest, Crew of the Good Ship Grace. 8:30—Service Salute, E. G. High. 8:45—Easy Listenn'. 9:00—Boake Carter, Hunt Bros. 9:15—Man About Town. 9:30—Midland USA. 9:45—Shoppers Guide. 9:55—Music. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News. 10:15—Terry's House Party. 10:30—Musical Market Basket. 10:45—American Woman's Jury. 11:00—Cedric Foster, Kampfer's Sav Mor. 11:15—Radio Bible Class, Presbyterian Church. 11:30—Jane Cowl. 11:45—Morning Melodies. 12:00—Musical Interlude. 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer. 12:15—Rhythm at Random. 12:40—State News, Hansen Motors. 12:45—News-Review of the Air. 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fett. 1:00—Miniature Concerts. 1:15—Open House.

ness in that direction. The suicidal Germans in Holland are being steadily whittled down.

THE Russians are similarly mopping up Germans from the Baltic clear down to the Adriatic. They seem to be well over the Carpathians and down into Czechoslovakia. They are moving slowly across Hungary. Far up in the Arctic, they are clearing up Norway.

In the course of time, we and the British will be up to the German fortress all along the west and the Russians will be pounding at its walls all along the east. Then the real crisis will come.

LETTERS to the Editor

"OUGHT YEAR CITED IN DEMISE OF PRESIDENTS"

So many people seem to have the fear that if President Roosevelt is re-elected he will not live through the term. And I have been wondering if that fear comes from the condition of his health, or from the old rumor that a president elected in the "ought" year never lived his term out.

William H. Harrison was elected president in 1840, and died on Apr. 4, 1841, just one month after he was inaugurated.

Our next president to be elected in the ought year was our dear Lincoln. He was elected in 1860. And served four years and re-elected in 1864. He was shot and killed on Apr. 14, 1865, so he was our only president to live his term out, after being elected in the ought year. Others were not so fortunate.

James A. Garfield was elected president in 1880, and on July 2, 1881, he was fatally shot.

William McKinley was re-elected in 1900, was shot Sept. 6, 1901, and died Sept. 14, 1901.

Warren G. Harding was elected president in 1920 and died Aug. 2, 1923 at San Francisco, Calif.

So, cheer up, you democrats; maybe Roosevelt will be lucky. He "himself" shortened his term by having inauguration day, Mar. 4, fall on Sunday, and he did not want to be out of the president's chair until Mar. 5.

Frankly, I hope Dewey beats him.

Sincerely, MRS. JOHN HULSEBUS Melrose St. Roseburg.

Choice of 2 Roads Open To Vpters, Snell Says

PORTLAND, Nov. 1—(AP)—Gov. Snell claimed last night that voters face "a choice between expanded economy, prosperity and jobs, as represented by the republicans and WPA, as offered in the democratic program."

Gov. Snell, addressing a statewide radio audience on behalf of the republican ticket, asserted a G. O. P. victory would assure "full employment under a competitive free enterprise system."

The election of Governors Dewey and Eisecker will be an inspiration to all phases of the war effort," he declared.

Native of Douglas County Passes Away at Ashland

ASHLAND, Nov. 1—George W. Jones, 82, retired rancher and resident of Ashland for almost 50 years, died Monday.

He was born in Oakland, Ore. He is survived by two daughters, one granddaughter and a great-grandson. His wife died in 1939. Also surviving are four brothers and five sisters. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Butter was made by some tribes in Tartary by filling a skin bag with milk, tying it to a saddle and grazing it over rough ground by way of churning.

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DIAL LOG

By SUSAN Governor Dewey speaks tonight at 6:30, and there will be several other speeches tomorrow; but, as we said some time ago, we'll call your attention to the speeches only when it's one or the other of the presidential candidates.

Thursday morning has some good listening spots. We are much interested to know whether or not you enjoy "American Woman's Jury". We haven't been able to carry it on Tuesday mornings because of a political broadcast on part of the net and to date we haven't had a murmur of protest—so do you like it or would you just as soon not hear it? Drop us a card, will you? One other note for Thursday—this time a repeat—please, will you get your letters and messages for Return Address, APO, in to us as soon as possible? Or shall we drop that program, too? It's up to you.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Cracker-barrel versus Dog House

Most of the political conventions in our town are held around the cracker-barrel—in Sam Abernethy's store.

We were settling how the country should be run the other night when Homer Watson starts to put in a word.

"Wait a minute, Homer," Sam said sharply, "did you vote in the last election?"

"Well," Homer fumbled, "I was awful busy just at the time."

"That don't matter," Sam insists. "Free speech around this cracker-barrel is for them who help protect it—and all the other freedoms in America—by voting. Folks that just talk freedom don't count here."

From where I sit, it doesn't make any difference how you vote—the important thing is that you do vote. Call it a sacred right if you want to, but to me, it is the bedrock of the whole idea of democracy.

Joe Marsh