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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Clear tonight, Sunday partly cloudy and cooler.

In the Day's News

methods of coping with it are under consideration in Washington. What he means is that the effort of some half a million coal miners to better THEIR economic position is beginning to interfere seriously with the economic welfare of some 130 million people.

SOONER or later, this question of GROUP power will have to be settled again. In the case of business and industry, which for half a century or more had too much power, it was settled by the crash of 1929—

LABOR should be more intelligent than business was. It should realize IN TIME that what is good for all of us is pretty likely to be good for any of us.

THERE is a proposal in Congress to lay aside the British loan in order to consider the coal strike and its related problems—which are a headache NOW, whereas the British loan represents a headache that will come later.

AS to the British loan, if you and I were running a bank and our best customer and the town's leading industry was in danger of going under for lack of operating capital, we'd lend what was needed to keep it going. Probably with little hesitation.

CHURCHILL, in an address to the Dutch parliament, calls for a United States of Europe. "I see no reason," he declares, "why under the guardianship of a world organization there should not arise the United States of Europe, both of the East and of the West, which will unify this continent in a manner never known since the Roman empire. It will give you prosperity, justice and peace."

It is a fascinating thought. It is probably the only ULTIMATE solution of Europe's perennial troubles. But it won't come about in a day, and it is unlikely to come about bloodlessly. Even the unity of the United States of America had to be tested in the crucible of war—the Civil War—which was precipitated by conflicting regional economic interests.

THERE is a disturbing thought in Churchill's reference to the unity Rome brought to Europe. The Pax Romana (the peace of Rome) was made possible by the fact that Rome had conquered the then known world.

There is no doubt that Russia could bring PEACE to Europe in the same way. But the thought of it scares us.

APOLOGIES TO REEDSPORT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Our attention has been called to an error which appeared in this column recently in our discussion of taxes. We made the statement that Reedsport's rate of taxation resulted from heavy bonded indebtedness.

Our alert Reedsport correspondent, Fred Wright, who doubles as justice of the peace at the lower Umpqua boom town, promptly filed a correction.

Reedsport's tax rate of 31 mills, as compared to an average of 19.1 mills for cities of like size, Wright reports, is due not to indebtedness, but to a 15-mill special tax levy to raise funds for postwar improvements.

We hasten, therefore, to correct our error and, having pointed with pride to Reedsport's progressiveness in the past, we add further words of commendation for the program contemplated in the way of new water mains, street work, parks, firehall and other civic improvements.

Reedsport's original bonded indebtedness, in excess of \$150,000, has been pared down, Wright reports, to approximately \$13,000, with the last of the bonds being scheduled for retirement in October of this year.

The city still has \$75,000 outstanding in water bonds, but is retiring these from revenue rather than taxes.

Reedsport's water system has been the cause of much civic headache in past years, because acid conditions of the soil caused water mains to deteriorate rapidly and, thus, made operation of the system expensive. A new type of pipe, resistant to soil acids, however, now has been made available and the city is replacing its mains with the new pipe as rapidly as possible.

As to Reedsport's present operations, Wright says: Reedsport's salaried officers are as well paid as in any town our size in Oregon. Our police officers draw not less than \$175 per month and our city recorder and treasurer average the same as a combined office.

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The victory not only stretched Boston's winning streak to 15 games—four short of the American League standard—but extended the American League leaders' margin over the Yanks to five and a half games.

A home run by Joe DiMaggio with the bases loaded in the fifth frame put the Yankees ahead 4-3 and sent Dodson to the showers, but the Sox bounced back in the seventh with two runs to win when York drove in Doerr with a triple and tallied on a single by Don DiMaggio, younger brother of Joe. Earl Johnson, who relieved Dodson in the fifth and pitched one-hit ball the rest of the way, was the winning pitcher.

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