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DEBT THREATENS DEMOCRACY

In a thought-provoking article in Harper's, Roy Helton argues tellingly that debt threatens democracy. And he has many a precedent with which to prove his case.

"What is it that gave Italy back to an absolute ruler?" asks Mr. Helton. "Twenty-seven billion dollars of war borrowings on top of an already heavy debt structure were more than her government could handle as a democracy. What made Hitler the absolute ruler of Germany? What but national despair under the immense load of debt that had been saddled upon Germany by the Allies and by our own super-salesmanship, creating a burden which the Republic could not carry? A master had to appear in Russia, too, because of debt. . .

"More than anything that can ever face us as a nation, this problem deserves the united intelligence of all parties and all men."

What happened abroad can happen here. And no one can miss the ominous parallel that exists between the course toward dictatorship taken by the European totalitarian states and the course we are so rapidly pursuing ourselves. A staggering debt made essential the artificial blocked-mark system of Germany—a staggering debt could make necessary a "blocked-dollar" system here. A sharp rise in a nation's debt makes inevitable more and more political control over its citizens' affairs—and that means eventual dictatorship.

Mr. Helton observes that it is not yet too late—that we can still save ourselves as a democracy, by drawing in our belts, facing our issues squarely, and going to work to cut down the debt. But we cannot long delay the time for doing that—if we are to retain the rights and liberties of democracy for which our forefathers fought.

PRIVATE INITIATIVE WILL PERSIST

It has been said that even if a man were dropped down in the middle of a desert island, without food or sustenance, he would contrive to dig his thumb into the ground, plant seeds and live. This, in itself is the most primitive example of initiative—the will to live. Only the indolent who would rather starve to death than work and live would stand to have their initiative taken from them. Pungent proof of this is recorded by Harold Denney, able correspondent of the New York Times in Moscow, seat of Communism which would destroy initiative and private enterprise and substitute therefor a system of paternalism by government through economic planning.

Said Mr. Denney in his most recent dispatch to the Times: "Living in Russia, one is constantly struck by the tremendous driving power of individual initiative, the obstinacy of the instinct to be one's own boss, to live by one's own wits and to turn a profit whenever one can. . . But as the experiment has worked out thus far in Russia it has been found possible to keep the individual profit motive even at bay only by the constant and vigorous exercise of police power."

And in our own country, the "fellow-travelers" of these same Communists and the cohorts of "pinks" and reformers who would remake America on a new pattern, might well drink deeply of these words. Like the experience of the Soviet, they will fail, for they overlook or underestimate the factor and that is human nature itself.

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

We might have several things to celebrate, in addition to the dams, if things continue to look on the up and up and we might see a revival of the old Bohemia days, since it appears as though the mining interest in that section has been given a boost.

Cautious residents, who are familiar with the mining history of that section, however prefer to watch and wait. Regardless of the disappointments in the past, it's good to have a spirit of optimism, and optimism is catching.

At least we have something to look forward to and can face the future in a little better spirits.

It is easier to ruin a reputation than make one, or repair one. Tar sticks tighter than whitewash.

One thing in favor of capital punishment is that the man who is executed for murder is not likely to commit another.

Theme song of the nudist sideshows at the two big fairs of 1939 should be: "When the belles are sweetly peeling."

It must be that the European dictators are a little off-center. The whole world shivers when they turn on their axis.

Since the theme of the New York Fair is "The World of Tomorrow," it's no wonder it wasn't quite finished on opening day.

The war department has decided to "retire" old army mules to spend their declining years in peaceful pastures. And now even congressmen are asking for pensions.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING GAINS for the registration of climbers. The ascent is described as comparatively easy for experienced alpinists, and in addition to offering rare scenery, temperatures are far cooler than on the valley floor where thermometers register as high as 120 degrees in the shade. Another paradox is the fact that snow lingers on the summit often until mid-summer, presenting the novelty of snow-balling in Death Valley.

SAN FRANCISCO, California—Mountain climbing is gaining in popularity as a summer diversion in Death Valley National Monument, T. R. Goodwin, monument superintendent, states in a current report to the National Park Service regional office of the Department of the Interior.

A popular destination for climbers is the summit of Telescope Peak, 11,045 feet high, offering one of the longest vertical climbs in the United States. The peak is not far from Badwater, the lowest point in North America, 286 feet below sea level.

A new permanent register box has been placed on the summit.

There are 3,280,000 federal state and local government employees, not counting 339,000 in the army and navy and more than 4,000,000 on various relief projects.

But It's True



According to James K. Clinton, in his book, "The Shamrock," real shamrocks grow only in three counties, and all of them are not in the Irish Free State. Although snakes are not as common in Ireland as they are in the rural districts of the United States, there are a great number of varieties. According to H. P. Garland, snake authority of Cambridge university, there were known to be 78 different kinds of snakes in Erin in 1934. Two of the bullets went directly through Mr. Monahan's brain. They just didn't happen to touch vital points.

GOLDEN PHANTOMS
Fascinating Tales of Lost Mines
by Editha L. Watson
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THE LOST FIND

THE Funeral range of mountains, east of Death Valley, conceals a lost mine known as the Find. A man named Smith was its discoverer, and he went to New York with the first of his new wealth, spent it lavishly, and at the end of two months died of apoplexy.

He left a map, a fairly accurate one, showing the eastern part of Death Valley, and in the northernmost range of mountains a canyon had been drawn in detail. Near the head of this canyon a red cross marked the Find.

Basing their itineraries on this map, many people tried to reach the mine, but with no success. Then a "location notice," written peculiarly and apparently designed to give clues only to those who knew which were real and which false directions, was unearthed from beneath a location monument where the copper camp of Greenwater stands. The notice read as follows:

"Notice is hereby given that we, the men that wrote this notice, is over the age of twenty-one and are citizens of the United States, Cuba, and the Philippines; we do this day locate one gold mine. Known as the Bryfogle, and more particularly described as follows:

"Commencing at this big monument of stone on a cold rainy night and running 35 hours with Indians after him, come to a big canyon that leads up to the north with two big rocks on one side of the mouth of the canyon, the one on the right round and smooth, and the one on the left rough and rugged. These rocks stand 20 feet high. Follow up this canyon about five hours on burros or one and one-half hours on horseback you will come to the fork of the canyon. Take the left hand one and ride hard for two hours and you will come to a small gulch leading up to the right. Go up this about one-fourth of a mile you will come to a small water hole. Sometimes it's a dry hole. If it's a water hole when you get there, water your animals, fill your canteen and then go on until the gulch forks again, then take the right hand one until it forks, then lead up the left one just a little way and you will discover the find we have been unable to locate. The canyon is yet, and we take this means of locating the big find. The map of the above described property will be furnished to anyone on application to the undersigned. Located this first day of January, 1902.

Early Predominating Nationalities
Of the 3,172,444 persons enumerated in the first census of the U. S. in 1790 it was estimated that 2,605,699 were of English extraction; Scotch, 221,562; German, 176,407; Dutch, 78,959; Irish, 61,534; French, 17,619; and all other 10,664.

Lightning's Course Shown

Most lightning flashes pass from top to bottom of the thunder cloud but occasionally the bottom of the cloud sparks to the ground and a tree or barn or a transmission line is "struck by lightning."

'See' With Ears in Dark

According to a physiologist, if you're smart you can see in the dark with your ears. Blind people take greater advantage of the latent possibilities of the human ear than do persons with unimpaired sight.

Thornton Corners

Mrs. Ellen Jones of Eugene, who was a house guest the past week of Mrs. Joe Premazzi, accompanied Mrs. Myrtle Lake and Mrs. Wilbur Black to a shower Wednesday at the Bill Adams home at Gowdyville, honoring Mrs. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keene recently accompanied their son Conrad and family of Creswell on a trip to Oregon Caves and the Crescent City, California, and home by way of the Redwood highway.

Mrs. C. W. Dwyre left this week to attend the S.D.A. convention at Gladstone Park.

Mrs. G. W. Downing of Sutherlin is here caring for her mother, Mrs. W. W. Cole, who is ill.

Dallas Deere, who had been at San Ardo, California, settling up the affairs of his father, who recently passed away there, has returned to his home here.

Mrs. Frank Turner is quite ill at her home with rheumatism.

Mrs. Myrtle Lake and son Philip attended the Lake family reunion Sunday at the Skinners Butte Park in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Premazzi, Joanne Premazzi and Mrs. Ellen Jones picnicked Sunday up Sharps creek with the Corbett Smith family of Culp Creek.

Mrs. Claude Willey and daughter and Mrs. Louie Hopper and baby of Sutherlin were visitors Monday of Mrs. Willey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keene.

Mrs. Louella Bartlett of Minnesota, who had visited here with a brother, R. B. Dixon, left last week, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Julia Gover of Cottage Grove, to visit a sister, Mrs. Oliver Doss in Sonoma, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaun and daughter Carolyn of Ellsworth, Iowa, were house guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gireau.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher attended the Fisher family reunion Sunday at Skinners Butte park in Eugene.

Miss Joyce Currier of Winchester Bay was a guest Monday of Mrs. Lyle Scott.

Art Smith attended a picnic Sunday at Skinners Butte park for former residents of Pine Valley in eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Lyle Scott, who had spent last week at the Leroy Halverson home at Mowich, returned home Friday. Jessie Lee and Billie Louise Scott stayed with their grandmother, Mrs. Aden Miller, at Walker, and Lyle Lemon at the Tice Wagner home in Eugene during their mother's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gireau and son Charles spent Sunday at Clearwax lake near Florence.

Bob Roner of Gowdyville visited

several days last week with Charles Whitlock.

The Conrad Keene family of Creswell were Sunday visitors at the W. A. Keene home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nolan and two children of Los Angeles were house guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McDaniels.

Mount View

Leon Lancaster of Mosby creek was a visitor - Sunday of Bob Whitman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Layng were guests last week of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Duerst, at Gresham.

Miss Esther Smith, who is employed in Eugene, is spending her vacation here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith.

The Neighborhood club held their annual picnic Sunday in Layng's grove with most of the members and their families attending.

Mrs. Della Crane left this week for Gladstone park to attend the S.D.A. convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Tunis VanProoyen and baby of Latham were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams.

A picnic supper was held down by the river Wednesday evening, honoring J. A. Schneider on his birthday anniversary, to which a

group of the neighbors were invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Linebaugh and son of Cottage Grove and Robert Landwehr of Astoria were guests Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Arne. Miss Johanna Landwehr of Astoria was also a guest at the Arne home during the week.

Miss Lily Darby of Yoncalla was a guest at the J. A. Schneider home to attend the Schneider-Monroe nuptials.

Corduroy is truly a royal fabric. It was first used to make hunting garments for French kings. They named it "corde-du-roi," which means "cord of the king."

Harry Rentle

Bicycle, Key and Gun Work

Lawn Mowers Sharpened

World's Fairest
FOOD VALUES

- Corn Golden Bantam Cream Style 2 tins 15c
- Peas Early June Sweet 2 tins 15c
- Huskies Whole Wheat Flakes With a New Flavor Pkg. 10c
- Macaroni Cool Salad for Hot Days 3 lbs. 15c
- Wax Paper 100-foot roll 9c
- Peanut Butter 2 pound jar 25c

Salted Crackers 2 pound box 15c	Pure Santos Coffee Try It Iced 2 pounds 29c
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FREE FLAPJACK TURNER
WITH PURCHASE OF Albers **FLAPJACK** 19c
PANCAKE AND WAFFLE FLOUR Full 2 1/2 lb. pkg.

- Carrots Crisp Coreless 2 bunches 5c
- Lemons Large Juicy Dozen 15c
- Oranges Juicy Valencias Dozen 8c
- Bananas Golden Ripe 4 pounds 25c

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