

War Costs Half of Britain's Income

Government Now Taking 60 Per Cent of National Turnover, Expert Says.

WASHINGTON.—The British government is now taking nearly 60 per cent of the national income of the United Kingdom, and about 50 per cent of it for war expenditures, according to a review by Thomas R. Wilson of the European section of the finance division, department of commerce, made public.

British tax returns are eight times as great as at the outbreak of the World war, the review states. The basic rate of British income tax is now 42.5 per cent, the highest in the nation's history, and the excess profits tax is in many cases 100 per cent. The British government pays from 2.5 to 3 per cent for the money it borrows.

A 3 per cent rate is paid by the British treasury on seven-year national defense bonds and a 3.17 per cent rate on 10-year national savings certificates not subject to income tax and cashable on short notice. A few months ago the British government floated a seven-year war loan at 2 1/2 per cent.

The Indicated Deficit.

The estimate for British war expenditures during the fiscal year to end March 31, next, is put at \$11,200,000,000. Of this, ordinary revenues will cover \$5,440,000,000, leaving a deficit of \$5,760,000,000. When ordinary expenditure is added, the deficit becomes \$8,424,000,000.

British national income for 1939 has been estimated as between \$20,000,000,000 and \$24,000,000,000. All trades or businesses pay either a 5 per cent national contribution tax, if they are corporations, and 4 per cent if they are not incorporated, or the 10 per cent excess profits tax, whichever is higher. The return from these taxes is estimated this fiscal year to be \$280,000,000.

There is a purchase tax of 24 per cent on the retail price of specified luxuries such as furs, real silk, lace, china and toilet preparations, and 12 per cent on the retail price of such goods as clothing, footwear and domestic hollowware.

Minute Make-Ups

By V. V.



TO KEEP your nails healthy and strong, give them this treatment two or three times a week: Soak your fingertips in heated cuticle oil—or even olive oil. For as many minutes as you can spare. This helps prevent splitting and breaking and also keeps the cuticle in condition.

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Jungle Babies Use Bottle



Animal trainer Captain Roman Proske feeds his three jungle bottle babies at his cat farm near Nyack, N. Y. The three little tigers are survivors of two sets of twins born on the captain's farm. Their birth amazed zoologists because tigers seldom breed in captivity. They are perfectly harmless—now.

CZARINA'S FAVORITE ARTISAN ENJOYS PROJECT WORK

EAST ST. LOUIS.—William Zander, said to have been at one time the favorite artisan of the late zarina of Russia, is now supervisor of a WPA metal crafts project in the old Douglas school. Zander, who once directed 400 craftsmen in making an elaborate gate for the winter palace of the zarina, now teaches 30 WPA men to make fire-place fixtures for state institutions. In speaking of the gate Zander

Since July the London government has been receiving deposits from the clearing and Scottish banks, repayable after six months and bearing 1 1/2 per cent interest.

Investments in U. S.

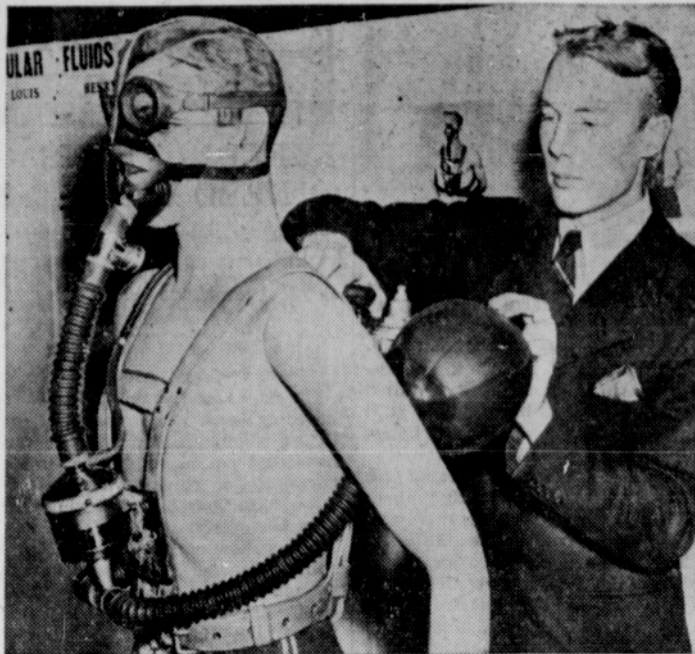
Gold production in the British empire during the 14 months ended November 30, 1940, is estimated at about \$900,000,000 and the dollar assets from its sale in the United States are apparently available to the British government.

It is estimated that at the beginning of the war total British long-term and short-term investments in the United States were worth about \$11,872,000,000. During the first year of the war \$150,000,000 of United States securities were liquidated on balance and by the end of last October \$229,000,000 of dollar balances had been withdrawn.

The British, the review notes, have large investments in other countries, some of which may possibly be liquidated in this country when and if needed.

At the end of 1938 Sir Robert Kindersley, London banker, estimated that British overseas capital investments totaled \$3,692,000,000, of which \$1,398,000,000 was in government and municipal securities.

Invents Portable Diving Apparatus



Christian J. Lambertsen, 23-year-old University of Pennsylvania medical school sophomore, displays the portable diving apparatus which he invented especially for rescue work. Using this equipment he has dived to depths of 30 feet and stayed down for more than an hour without any cables or tubes connecting him with the surface.

5 Brothers Compose Crew on Navy Engine

DETROIT.—It is improbable that any man has given more sons to the navy than Clarence Bodine Sr.

His oldest son, Fred, 30, joined up 12 years ago and since has brought in his four brothers into the complete Bodine contingent. The brothers comprise the full engine crew of the U. S. S. DuBuque.

Helium Is Found to Be Helpful to Asthmatics

AMARILLO, TEXAS.—Production of helium from natural gas at the world's only operating plant, run by the U. S. bureau of mines at Amarillo, recently reached an 11-year total of 100,000,000 cubic feet. Production from other government plants, not operating at present, bring the all-time total nearly to 150,000,000 cubic feet.

For 27 years known to exist as an element on the sun, helium finally was found on the earth, but only as a chemical curiosity so rare it was valued at \$2,500 a cubic foot. Now it is produced at a cost of less than 1 1/2 cents a cubic foot.

Besides its unique property as a buoyant, non-explosive gas for airships, helium makes both deep-sea divers and asthmatics breathe more freely, and helps the weather man in his predictions.

PROTECTIVE MASK



This young housewife is shown adjusting her new mask before cleaning her house. The chemically treated guard for mouth and nose was designed for use in the home as protection against dust and other foreign particles.

Missing Setter Is Back In Time for His Dinner

DANVILLE, PA.—Carl Frying's three-year-old English setter, missing for two months, turned up in time for hunting season at—of all places—a delicatessen store 175 miles away from home at Bristol, Pa.

Mrs. Clara Jones, Edgely, owner of the store, wrote Walter S. Lovett, chamber of commerce secretary here, that the dog appeared "just around meal time."

Taxpayer Is Grateful

As He Pays Off \$75 Tax SALT LAKE CITY.—Melvin S. Pendleton sent a \$75.87 check to the Salt Lake county treasurer for taxes and added this note:

"It is a blessing and privilege to live in the United States of America and I thank the Lord that I am not paying taxes in Europe."

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)



BACK-TALK OF A NEW YORKER:

A weekly "liberal" publication reports that James True and Robert Edward Edmondson have been forced to stop spreading their literary garbage because of a lack of suckers. . . . I don't believe it. . . . Another weekly which features profiles complaining against gossip base. . . . One of those "Americans" will shortly be shown up as a bloke whose only interest in a peace negotiation is this: If Hitler loses, then he loses his personal fortune of six million dollars, and a bank in the Northeast will fail. . . . Nice guy, huh? He doesn't care what happens to your son's life—so long as he doesn't lose his dough!

Senator Wheeler calls everybody who disagrees with him a warmonger. If you criticize Wheeler he is the first to yell he's being smeared. . . . Wheeler is the gent the Bund indorsed for the Presidency—if he ran.

William Rhodes Davis denies he is peddling erl to the Nazis. . . . What's that erl refinery he admits owning in Hamburg, Germany, used for—killing mosquitoes? . . . Dr. Kingdon, ex-president of the Univ. of Newark, is quoted by the Her-Trib as telling a group that America's great need is to be "re-discovered". . . . Hmmm.

The Times says editorially that all during the campaign Willkie was in favor of FDR's foreign policy. . . . That's not so. . . . Remember the speeches in which he claimed that FDR was responsible for Munich, and when Willkie said the President's foreign policy would ruin this nation? . . . The New York Times seems to have an abbreviated memory.

The Topeka State Journal's telegraph editor, Arthur J. Carruth, 3rd, thought we'd be interested in the following Associated Press wordage which came over that teletype in the Kansas City area: "Editors: New lead British Offensive. RAF give Ratzis terrific blasting KK". . . . Ho, hum. . . . That's not the first time we've been on the big-time.

American ships must not transport war supplies to Great Britain, or appeasers and other friends of Germany would holler blue murder. . . . But an American ship loaded with war supplies for Japan (for its war against China), and nobody said anything about that. It happened in the Port of Corpus Christi, Texas. . . . The little boy from Iowa wants peace, too. . . . But he makes speeches before acquitted bombers.

Ex-Senator Holt gives out dark hints about the people behind the President "who are working secretly to ruin the country". . . . We can tell Holt in a jiffy who he is behind the President—The People! . . . All the ostriches who insist that Hitler is no danger to America are loud supporters of our defense program. . . . If Hitler is no danger—what are they defending us against—a British invasion?

Mark Sullivan, the Washington sage, laments that Lindbergh has been smeared by some sections of the press and public. . . . That's too bad. . . . Lindbergh can say what he likes—but if you say what you like about Lindbergh, you're unfair. . . . Life says Vain Marshall has been smeared by the press. . . . We wish someone would define the word smear to us. . . . It used to mean an unfair and untrue attack. Now it seems to describe any sort of criticism based on facts.

G-Men seem to be always in the middle. Senators Norris and Wheeler, John L. Lewis, Max Lowenthal (there's a character that rates being written up) and the commies claim the G-Men have gone too far against subversive groups. . . . Congressmen Dies claims they haven't gone far enough. . . . Somebody needs a rehearsal.

Senator Hiram Johnson is quoted as saying he is no appeaser and "wants to see Hitler whipped and Britain triumphant". . . . Then why is he always blocking and fighting aid to Britain?

That new song, "I'm Jerk McGerk from Albuquerque," reminds me: Whatever because of Montana's Jake Thorkelson? . . . Do you care to know what became of all those people who belittled our pleas to wake up two years ago? . . . They are now wearing tiny American emblems in their coat lapels.

The Civil Liberties Union deplors the fact that some freedom of the Nazi-American Bund has been curbed. . . . With the freedom of all civilization at stake—look at the things they worry about! . . . The Nation and New Republic reveal great concern about the growth of the Trojan Horse in America. They urge something be done about it. . . . But when the G-Men get after guys like Harry Bridges, Earl Browder, et al, these same mags knock the G-Men.



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON (Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

NEW YORK.—In Goldfield, Nev., when the camp was going strong we staged a "battle royal," with 10 men slugging each other, the victory going to the last man to stay on his feet. The referee Denny Must Have Studied Decorum in Code Duello was an old desert rat, who didn't like to stay out of a good fight. Somehow he got mixed up in the milling and flattened the three remaining contenders.

One wonders at the self-control of George V. Denny Jr., under similar provocation. With no holds barred and no punches pulled, America's Town Meeting of the Air is getting more like the battle royal and less and less like its antecedent chauntiqua meeting. In the melee over aid to Britain, in which Verne Marshall was the storm center, it looked as though Mr. Denny might be pulled in any minute. But he wasn't, and with rising popular blood pressure and tensing vocal chords, he gives a marvelous weekly exhibition of keeping cool and watchful, and giving everybody a break. That was the main idea of the town meeting, which he organized, and now directs.

He began his New York career as an actor in Paul Green's "Pulitzer prize-winning" play, "In Abraham's bosom." In the University of North Carolina, he became a member of the "Carolina Playmakers." After his graduation, he was instructor for dramatic productions at Chapel Hill, which experience may have contributed to the uniformly good showmanship of the town meeting.

Mr. Denny was worried about the rising power of pressure groups, industrial strife, intolerance and other such matters, and these concerns directed him to an association with the League for Political Education, of which he later became director. The Town Hall of the Air was a natural extension of the work of the league, founded by Dr. Denny in 1935.

IT MAY sound far-fetched to link the Monday morning hangover with Britain's chances for victory, but such things can be, the way one thing leads to another. Perhaps Figs another these May Be Gathered days. In the waning days of the prohibition era, Dr. Norman Jolliffe, an up-and-coming young New York medical, made a timely study of the bodily and psychological aftermath of bathtub gin. In translating "hangover" into "polyneuritis," he discovered that he was studying not necessarily alcoholism, but imperfect diet which lessened a man's capacity to stand up to his liquor.

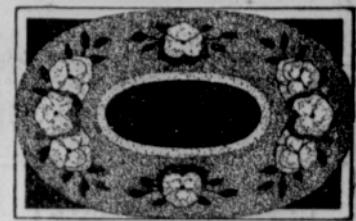
These imperfections or inadequacies of modern diet led to studies of vitamins as possible correctives, with Dr. Jolliffe's later conclusion that plenty of B-1 would restore caloric unbalance caused by alcohol. He urged liquor manufacturers to slip a small jolt of crystalline B-1 in every bottle. It wasn't that he was trying to help citizens keep up with their drinking. He was just taking homo sapiens as he is and trying to give him a hand.

Moving on with their vitamin studies, Dr. Jolliffe and his colleagues find Mars just as durable as barleycorn, and an even tougher antagonist, with vitamins, again useful to buttress resistance. So here's the "Vitamins for Britain" committee, With Dr. Jolliffe participating in its effort to get "millions of vitamin tablets" over there to bolster the "Sceptered Isle" against the effects of narrowed and undiversified diet, nervous tension and heebie-jeebies. Is it possible that prohibition was a laboratory to turn up a trick to save democracy?

Dr. Jolliffe, a New Yorker, was graduated from the New York university medical college in 1926. His vitamin researches gained him membership in learned societies and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is chief of medical service of the psychiatric division of Bellevue hospital, and associate professor of medicine at New York university.

WHEN John D. Biggers was appointed to organize and manage the unemployment census in 1937, he invited criticism. "The more stones thrown the better," he said. He now has a job both more important and more vulnerable, as director of the production division in the new national defense office of production management. Mr. Biggers thinks the critical impulse is a sign of healthful public interest. Since 1930 he has been president of the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass company.

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The train shrieked to a stop and the conductor hurried to the side of the victim.

"Hurt bad?" he inquired. "No, I guess not," replied the man, "but what'll I do now?"

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