"No Favor Sivay Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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On "Required Reading" List
It is reported out of Washington that Thurman Arnold's,
w book "Ihe Folklore of Capitalism" is "required reading new book The Foiklore of Capitaism is required reading
for the Cohen-Corcoran brigade of new dealers, -pertaps on
the theory Arnold advances about political arguments in campaign: they are "actually addressed only to the side fo series of cneers in which east side strives to build up its ow
morale." The book ought to be made required reading for th anti-new dealers. It will be semethane required reading for the
to an emerting wheel, but after all an abrasive is good for the Aourinold is a modern Voltaire in his skill at peeling the even when it hurts. His thesis is that capitaliz lawyers, edi
itself with a cultus of law and theory, of whin lo
tors, and even professors are the priests. He scoffs at th "thinking man" whom he regards as only
scholarly learning are often obstructionists:


 Arnold does an excellent job of exposing the "ritual",
corporate reorganizations; and there is a large amount
truth in what he calls taxation by private organization, truth in what he calls. taxation by private organization,
which the woves of finance flece the lambs.. He attacks th
theory by which corporations are regarded as "persons" with theory by which corporations are regarded as "persons" with
in the protection of the fifth and fourteenth amendments
the constitntion, and Justice Black followed his line of argu ment in a recent minority opinion. If this should be adopted
corporations, who after all are just groups of individuals
would have scant protection against confiscation of their property.
To be sure every system creates its myths and legends
and its creed creed of any political faith. Naziism glorifies "blood and soin"
to absurd degres. Capitalism probably has sess of ritual and more of liberty than any of the current politico-economic doc-
trines. But Arnold does a good job in showing how much of and his analysis of the elements of what he calls "political dy
namics" is quite accurate. It explains why the quacks and often fail. It is something like "The Prince" done in terms of

Fresh Purge in Russia
Stalin orders the harvest of a fresh crop of suspects, one
them the former premier. Alexis I Rykoft, another Niko with 19 others of lesser note. These men go on trial today, in-
cluding some eminent doctors who are accused of poisoning Gorky and two other heads of government departments who
died months ago. The public trial will doubtless be used for its and the danger the state faces from the "wreckers." It i doubtful if there is any other country where such orgies of
blood-letting would be tolerated, even in the fascist dictator-

But Russians seem indifferent to cruelty. Long have they
been schooled in tyranny of governors. In the 16 th century Ivan IV, surnamed "the terrible," maintained his power by
ruthless methods. A boy of 13 he had the chief of his govern ment torn to pieces by hounds. He sent relatives and princes
and the metropolitan of the church to death; and in a fit of rage struek his son, injuring him fatally. He visited vengeful
punishment on the city of Great Novgorod, destroying the punishment on the city of Great Novgorod, destroying the
homes and buildings, putting people to death in six weeks of
fury. Withal Ivan was a deeply religious man, and in a synodfury. Withal Ivan was a deeply reigious man, and in a synodEven Peter the Great, who brought many reforms to who swooned and died. The whole history of the rulers of Russia was one of oppression, with infrequent intervals of benign
government. Stalin's purges follow old patterns, which may
be native to be native to Russia, or may be its
whence many of its people came.
More Timing

The spy scare story was due. It is always a sure-fire jin-
go device; and one was needed at the moment to whet up more war fever and help along the navy bill. Of course the
government wouldn't indulge in such "timing"; but why did
it delay for several days the report of the slapping of an American diplomat by a Japanese sentry, synchronizing the news
release with the message recommending navy expansion? red-headed. The men are said to be soldiers. The G-man who
made the arrests said they came just in time to prevent the sell-out of secrets about the Panama canal zone, Atlintic sea-
board defense, and navy shipyards. That sounds like a big orPictures of two under arrest are unexcit ment. Not fong business is always was a flurry in aboutsons of unsettleGovernment operatives from time to time pick up suspects
and occasionally net a real spy; others they keep under surveillance. The

## Federal Aid for Schools

Pres. Roosevelt proposes to enlarge federal aid for schools
to the sum of $\$ 855,00,000$ to be expended over the next six
years. Money would be used for new buildings, for teacher ears. Money would be used for new buildings, for teacher
training, etc. But at the meeting of educators in Atlantic City ast week many were inclined to advise caution before endors-
ing the program. What is feared is federal control of education. The educators are glad to take the money, if it comes, but
they do not want too much interferenee from government.
Government, however, likes to run things. Above all it ikes to run the schools and pour its brand of history, econom-
ics and in some coontries, religion, into youth. There is al-
ways the argument Bryan used in the Scopes trial at Dayton bills has the right to say what is taught. That is one way, of
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