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## Pinball "Emergency"


 revenue from these nickel-grabbers in the per
iod between possible enactment and the ef
fective date of the ordinance.
As for the generalt proposition of reepen-
ing Salem as a field for the operation of these
devices, it is regrettable that any tcomment devices, it is regrettable that any foomment
whatever is necessary. Yet peraps it ${ }^{\text {s. }}$ neces-
sary to restate the principle that pinbll ma-
chines, slot machines and the like, as gambling chines, slot machines and the like, as gambling
devies, constitute that most objectionable form the player has no chance against "the house."
Now it is contended that the pinball ma-
chines have been cleaned up and the element
of gambling eliminated. If that is true-and of gambling eliminated. If that is true-and
we have good reason for not believing it-and
if the machines provide, for some of our citi-
zens, sufficient amusement for the money
without the gambling element-a supposition which common sense refutes-then it still re-
mains true that these devices constitute
nuisance of which Salem has been well rid As for the aldermen supporting this meas-
ure, assuming that while serving as aldermen
the city's best interests are their sole interests
and assuming further that they are properly
responsive to public opinion and desirous of
the opportunity to succeed themselves in office the opportunity to succeed themselves in office
-things we have a right to assume-w jus
don't get it.
The recent sorry experience of the Marion
county sheriff's office in its misguided ambition county sheriff's office in its misguided ambition
to "control" the pinball situation in the county
outside of Salem, ought to be addequate warn-
Ing to the council as to the trouble it is inviting.
But, argue these aldermen, a lot of soldiers may bey be coming aldermen, town. We wan of sol-
beer parlors and confectioneries to be in our posi-
tion to take their money away from them with-
out giving anything in return. Thus speaks Increasingly in recent months we have
been wondering whose government it is-ours,
or that of a small group of special interests? Now for Some Shooting


## lend-lease program, someone $\$ 3,090,000$ to the Of course we still owe all but a

 If we can raise that amount-andKicking-for the defeat of Hitler,
ve raise a year ago while he was in the RFC. But at
least for the time being Jones' decision holds.
So the PUDs can't get any money from
Uncle Sam and apparently they can't get priv-
ate money, at least on the terms they want.
Meanwhile the casp Meanwhile the companies they want to buy out
won't dicker until the PUDs show ability to
pay. And so they are anxious for legislation
that will enable them to get federal financing.
But like the fellow who burned down the barn
to kill one little rodent, they seek a law that
would enable a totally unnecessary CPA to
spend millions and millions, and force public
ownershis upon communities that don't
want it.

News Behind The News

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 Paul Mallon ports as the navy did not trustthe wirress. This was rather
books. view of the efficiency of modern code
It wore thinner when London suddenly and
strangly became eager to broadcast reports that It wore thinner when London suddenly and
strangely became eager to broadcast reports that
the reds were very, very, week on their Siberian
front facing Jopan Trrogh censors too clever
to permit any really bad news to soscape unoticed,
London reported the London reported the soviets had been compelled
to diminish their defense army facing the Japs in
front of Vladivostok. It was true the reds had been trimming their
far eastern army from time to time, and they
have undoubtedly gotten it down to the limit. But
the limit would still be ent the from Japanese quarters, as the Japanese must
well have known.
Their answer was to stop momentarily, at
least, the aggressive game they had been playing Their answer was to stop momentarily, at
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Instead of bristing, they for the first time exhib-
ited some confidence there would be no war
They permitted dispatch of two vessels for, the
United States. The gesture carried some weight They permitted disepatch of would be no war.
United States. The gesture carried some for the
to Washing
Japanesinton in in protectiew of the every ship thealousness of of the the Buzzling aspect of the torpedoing of the
deststyer Kearny is the maner in which the
official announcement was made. The world was
 Dates to personnel were inday was that that "no casual-
to was not
some 60 hours later that it was announced 11 were
lost and 10 injured. Even then details were retused. Ceneral procedure requires commanders to
report casualties immediately in their first dis-
patch. No other factor could be more important. patch. No other factor could be more important
The offficial explonation is that the Kearny
commander probably wanted to keep his original
radio report as brief as possibile to prevent any
other natid subs from zetting a cross radio beam
on him to detect his presenge ahre other naxi subs from getting a cross reaviont aeam
on him to doetet his presence while he was limp-
ing to porte This hardily covers the obvious fact
that three or for for more words would not have
increased the risk to any considerable degree.

 is to hand out bad news pieceemeal, delaying the
worst details weeks or months.
An official sovernment estimate privetely



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## Bits for Breakfast



