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HITLER STAGES A ROMAN TRIUMPH

It is nice to have bleacher seats for one of the greatest spectacles in world history. If anybody starts throwing any pop bottles or grenades we may be safe, for the time being. And the spectacle we are witnessing is truly unique. Germany has won the war, again. The democracies have failed to make sure of victory. The world has reverted to the jungle of imperialism; it has moved back a thousand years to the chaos of military autocracies which the gloomy philosopher Spengler predicted.

Ever since Versailles, we have heard a lot about the conflicting doctrines of "realism" and "idealism." Wilson, the idealist, was outwitted by Lloyd George and Clemenceau, the hard-boiled realists of European politics. It was Clemenceau in particular who insisted on the partitioning of the German empire and on shackling close to 90,000,000 people with such economic and military fetters that it seemed hopeless for them ever to regain power.

Italy was the first to revolt against the "peace makers." Disgruntled with her share in the loot she was inspired by the flaming D'Annunzio to seize and hold Fiume. Mussolini taking his cue from the dramatic poet established the pattern of dictatorship in Europe. Mussolini is overshadowed today by a bolder man and a greater power.

On the surface, Mussolini has sanctioned Hitler's conquest of Austria. The salutes of German and Austrian troops at Brenner pass are complimentary. But let nobody deceive himself by thinking Mussolini is pleased by the triumph of this recent ally and future adversary. Mussolini has received a large dose of his own brand of double cross. For Hitler has said plainly that he has seized Austria because he resents that Mussolini-inspired speech of Schuschnigg's declaring Austria free forever. German Austria is the answer.

One would give a pretty penny for the thoughts of Britain's Chamberlain who declared so recently for the policy of appeasing dictators. He must recall Eden's parting words that it will always be unsafe to deal with those who have flouted all ideas of treaty obligations or honor. Britain will have little difficulty in breaking the Rome-Berlin axis. It has been broken. British must reckon with the fact that Hitler will take as long as the rest of the world flounders. Promises of safety for Czechoslovakia mean nothing.

The reunion of Austria with Germany was inevitable, required by all the ties of blood and economic necessity, but nothing is omitted to make the show as gaudy as possible. German troops are landed in Vienna from planes. Hitler visits his birthplace as bells ring out. The widow of Dolfus flees with her children. The captives will not be led at the chariot wheels in chains, but the jails are full of them.

Ideals do not die and they are perhaps the ultimate reality, but the cynics who sat at the peace tables created the Europe in which force has become once more the only present reality.

WINTER PLAYGROUND ON SANTIAM

It is difficult for people in Eugene to think of mountains or mountain sports apart from the McKenzie highway. That road has been our route to the mountains for so long that it is a habit. But the proposed winter sports area which forest service men have been surveying this last week near the summit of the Santiam pass is still—believe it or not—in what might be called the McKenzie playground area.

It is only about two miles farther to the summit of the Cascades by the Clear Lake-Santiam route than by the McKenzie highway and only about ten miles are added on a trip through to Bend. Now the point of the Santiam playground project is simply this:

An ideal site with excellent snow conditions can be had adjacent to an existing all-year highway and one easily available to people from Eugene, Albany, Corvallis, Salem, Bend, Redmond and many other communities.

The rebuilding of the Clear Lake road from Yale's ranch to the junction with the Santiam above Fish Lake is an inevitable result of the joint user program. Surveys of the federal bureau of roads reported in this paper two years ago reveal that the all-year connection of the Santiam and the McKenzie can be built for approximately \$1,000,000.

Rebuilding of the upper part of the McKenzie route would cost twice as much and all-year maintenance would still be doubtful. There is no thought of abandoning the present McKenzie pass. On the contrary it is scheduled for steady improvement, includ-

ing paving, but it will be a summer scenic route and the all-year route will be via the Clear Lake-Santiam connection.

We believe this community has everything to gain and nothing to lose by co-operating with the Clear Lake-Santiam proposal, and especially with the plans for a big joint winter playground. It is practical. If any Eugene organization still wants to have a lodge or playground of its own apart from the "common herd," there is nothing to prevent it. But if we want Uncle Sam's highway and forest people to give us a winter sports setup as good as Portland's Mount Hood layout, we shall have to throw in with the neighbors.

One way of looking at it, we are offered a chance to bring a large part of the Santiam traffic out through the McKenzie valley and Eugene, and there will be many a winter when just this will happen as the Salem and Albany outlets are blocked temporarily.

"LEGISLATIVE PARDON" FOR MOONEY

No standing in law has the "legislative pardon" voted to Tom Mooney by the California general assembly, under labor group pressures. Mooney cannot legally be released from San Quentin penitentiary by any such procedure. The action amounts only to another declaration that a great many people believe Mooney "not guilty." Most of these hold this belief mainly because of class sympathies. The literature on the Mooney case has become so vast that few have digested it, and less understood it.

Probably nobody will ever know the truth about Mooney. If he is guilty in fact, he never will admit it, unless through some emotional miracle. If Mooney was "framed," those who did the framing will never admit it, unless through some utterly improbable urge to confession. As we see it there exists enough "reasonable doubt" as to Mooney's guilt to warrant an unconditional pardon, and we hope California may have a governor with courage to take this action, whatever his own sentiments in the matter.

As a prisoner, Mooney has become a symbol of labor martyrdom. So long as he languished in prison, every blatherskite liberal and radical basks in whatever glory is reflected from the alleged martyrdom. As a free man, Mooney will lose some of the glow from the halo.

It is an evil thing for justice in the United States to have any case which casts doubt upon the integrity of our court procedures. It has taken years of effort and mountains of propaganda to build up this popular picture of Mooney as a martyr. But we do not believe it could have been accomplished if there had not been obvious faults in the original trial.

The people of this country will not knowingly give aid or comfort to any cold-blooded thug or murderer, even in the holy cause of labor.

PROTESTS FROM "MR. X"

It was for the purpose of stimulating discussion that we printed last week's editorial on "Unemployed Benefits." We are getting it. Although no names were named in the piece, the gentlemen who think he was meant for "Mr. X" has called to tell his side of the story.

He left his original job voluntarily, he says, but wishes to point out that the wages were very low, the hours long, the work hard and his seeking of a better job quite within his American rights. Subsequent illness, the "recession," conditions beyond his control led to being out of work.

"And you have failed to point out," says he, "that whatever I take in from my odd job business is deducted week by week from my unemployment benefits."

Correct! Likewise on official complaint we are glad to amend that one sentence in the editorial which implied that all workers contribute to the unemployment tax. They do not. The employer pays all of the unemployment taxes. The employee pays only into the old age pension fund.

Nevertheless, the questions raised by the editorial stand. Several men whose claims to "lay off" seem to be entirely valid wonder why the slowness in meeting their claims. And if the effect of the act is to make employers afraid to take on part time workers for fear of penalties, that is bad.

As stated in the original piece, unemployment insurance is new in this country. It is still in the experimental stage. It is subject to correction and betterment. This paper has long advocated such a plan. But criticisms of the plan in operation are in order, if it is to achieve intended results.

Austrian politics may be in a dizzy whirl, but hardly as the result of the waltzes for which Vienna is famous.

The latest Tales of the Vienna Woods come from Nazi composers who think they have Austria up a tree.

Ostrich feathers for women's hats are coming back in style. We thought they had buried their heads in the sands of time.

THE GOLD SITUATION IN A NUTSHELL or I SURRENDER, DEAR



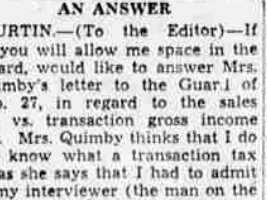
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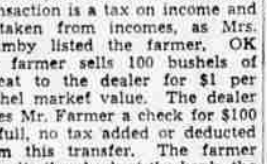
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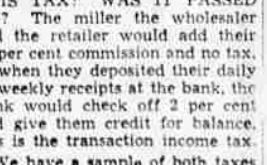
3 THE GOLD IS THEN DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART IS POWDERED INTO A FINE DUST AND IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH FEDERAL BANKS TO BE USED IN PUTTING THE GILT EDGING ON GILT-EDGE SECURITIES. THIS IS CALLED "CREDIT."



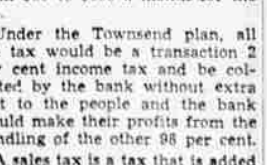
4 THE REST OF THE GOLD IS PLACED IN HUGE VATS, WHERE IT IS WASHED, SCRUBBED AND POLISHED UNTIL IT SHINES LIKE GOLD. IT IS THEN WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE, MARKED "DO NOT OPEN TILL CHRISTMAS," AND DEPOSITED IN A COOL, DRY VAULT, THIS IS CALLED "STERILIZATION."



5 THESE PROCESSES CONTINUE UNTIL ALL THE GOLD IN THE WORLD IS IN THE HANDS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, WHEREUPON THE PRESIDENT (OR DEALER) MUST RAISE HIS HAND AND SHOUT, "BINGO!" AT THIS POINT ALL PLAY CEASES AND THE HEADS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MUST STOP WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING AND COME TO WASHINGTON, WHERE ALL THE GOLD IN THE WORLD HAS BEEN PLACED IN ONE BIG PILE FOR THE BENEFIT OF NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHERS. THIS IS CALLED "INFLATION" — OR "DEFATION."



6 ALL THE GOLD ("CREDIT" AND "STERILIZED") IS THEN MADE INTO BEADS. THESE ARE PASSED OFF ON UNSUSPECTING INDIANS IN EXCHANGE FOR BEARSKINS AND CLAMSHELLS, WHICH BECOME THE NEW MEDIUMS OF EXCHANGE AND ARE REALLY MUCH EASIER TO UNDERSTAND.



FOR FURTHER REFERENCES, SEE POE'S "THE GOLD BOX," HENRY JAMES' "THE GOLDEN BOWL," AND WARNER BROS' "GOLD DIGGERS OF '36."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

AN ANSWER

CURTIN.—(To the Editor)—If you will allow me space in the Guard, would like to answer Mrs. Quimby's letter to the Guard of Feb. 27, in regard to the sales tax vs. transaction gross income tax. Mrs. Quimby thinks that I do not know what a transaction tax is, as she says that I had to admit to my interviewer (the man on the street broadcast in Roseburg) that it would raise the price of an article. Let's see what tax would raise the price of an article.

My interviewer quoted what he put up to Mr. Ware a few days prior, that if a 2 per cent tax was added to an article four times it would raise the price eight cents. It certainly would as this is a sales tax, but an income tax from transaction is a tax on income and is taken from incomes, as Mrs. Quimby listed the farmer, OK the farmer sells 100 bushels of wheat to the dealer for \$1 per bushel market value. The dealer gives Mr. Farmer a check for \$100 in full, no tax added or deducted from this transfer. The farmer deposits the check at the bank, the banker checks off 2 per cent (\$2) and gives the farmer credit for \$98, the dealer adds his commission of 25 per cent and sells to the miller for \$125 no tax added or deducted the dealer receives his check in full for \$125 then deposits his check at the bank and 2 per cent is checked off leaving the dealer \$122.50. WHO PAID THIS TAX? WAS IT PASSED ON? The miller the wholesaler and the retailer would add their 25 per cent commission and no tax, as when they deposited their daily or weekly receipts at the bank, the bank would check off 2 per cent and give them credit for balance, this is the transaction income tax.

We have a sample of both taxes in the social security tax, the 1 to 3 per cent that labor pays is an income tax, though it is checked off from their check by their employer, before writing the check, and the 1 to 3 per cent tax the employer pays, is a sales tax, as it is added to the goods and a tax board collects both the taxes from the employer, and they draw down from \$60 to \$300 a month for the job.

Under the Townsend plan, all the tax would be a transaction 2 per cent income tax and be collected by the bank without extra cost to the people and the bank would make their profits from the handling of the other 98 per cent.

A sales tax is a tax that is added to the goods sold, above the cost and profits of the article.

A transaction income tax, is a tax that is taken from price received for the goods sold, and comes out of the dealer's or seller's profits, and not added to it, as in a sales tax.

I am not working, draw no pension, neither on relief. Thank you, J. H. SELL.

SPY PURGE

CROW STAGE.—(To the Editor)—The recent spy purge in the Soviet Russia was received by the local press with great joy and much critical comment. And while none of their readers have as yet expressed an opinion in writing, I am sure that not a few having read Friday's editorial in the Register-Guard, following similar criticisms since the spy purge began, are wondering if the editors' sympathy is not on the side of the hired plotters from Germany and other Fascist and Pro-Fascist nations.

Friday's editorial headed "The Purge in Russia Goes On," depicts the self confessed defendants as

as the Russian people are liable to de throne him most any time, so we are told; though we have read of the almost immediate collapse of Stalin and the Soviet State periodically for the last 20 years.

Of course, some of us go on believing, and others take it as an insult to the intelligence of the reading public.

Strange how a Fascist nation may slaughter hundreds of innocent women and children and never a comment from our worthy editors. Also here in America we have occasional lynchings and similar sports like burning them alive in the electric chair or letting them choke to death at the end of a rope; in Germany they chop their heads off but they are shot in Russia. Which method is the most humane?

Which do you prefer, the man who receives pay from an ag-

gressive Fascist nation for murder and arson and to foment civil strife which is intended to result in the slaughter of millions of innocent people, or the man who kills an individual for any reason fancied or otherwise? Obviously your sympathies are with the former type.

I know that you hold all the cards, you can say most anything and no one can answer. I am asking you to print this but you won't. If you should, you will distort it to such an extent that it will make the writer appear ridiculous to your readers. And to provide my statement I am holding some copies for future reference.

E. R. McALISTER.
 Crow Stage Mail.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

YONCALLA, Oregon.—(To the Editor)—Dear Editor—I am so interested in your editorial "Hoyt on Freedom of the Press," that I must thank you for printing that editorial. Looking back over a few short years, from June 1934 to the present date, we have much to be thankful for, and especially the Register-Guard. Our home paper. It is true, the Press sometimes prints articles, that we the people get stirred up over. Just one week ago today, some news came to me from Portland, Ore.

That our own congressional district congressman, Hon. James W. Mott, had deserted the Townsend ranks at Washington, D. C. All of which is not the truth.

The newspaper got things mixed which was not their fault. So in that case "Blame the reporter." Well, I do not like to do that either, for I have done some work in that line myself, and I know how it feels to be told, "I had made just a little mistake, see."

But if it had not been for the fine cooperation of the press, we Townsend people would not be as strong an organization today as we are. We got what we demanded by the press, if we go after it in the proper spirit, and if the freedom of the press had been suppressed, your paper would not be printing articles from my pen, along with thousands of others.

Now, for instance, Taxes. From the year of 1931 to 1934, we did not have the tax problem so widely published in those years, as we have had in the years from 1934 to 1938. We had about the same taxes to pay. But it took some certain people to wake up the public to the tax burden.

And those people were the Townsends, writing articles to our editors and having freedom of the press. They printed our articles, consequently the rural people have been informed on the tax burden.

That is why the Townsend plan is being pushed so rapidly, for we know the 2 per cent transaction tax will eradicate all other methods of taxation and bring down the real tax problem, so it will not be a burden on the people.

OLIVE McKEE.

DOGS

COTTAGE GROVE.—(To the Editor)—There is a question two sides to this question at the risk of calling a degenerate, thief, robber, kidnaper, communist, going to have my say. I poisoned a dog in my life, lost two by the poisoner, will admit I cried out loud this loss.

Here are some of the things causes the dog poisoner abroad in the land. The owners are busy with planting. It is hard work, etc., but when one finished a fine bed of seeds only to find the next morning that the dog has munched their beds through.

I passed by where a long had been prepared and planted sweet peas; a big aristocratic looking dog trotted by, he seemed to cultivate this spot, by long deep kicks with his feet then still farther made dirt fly by skillful use of his feet.

About this time the woman the house came out. Talk about boy that become so "mad" cussed, cried and threw rocks, remarked "do you wonder I run with bands of good for nothing, worthless curs, who over gardens and lawns, raid chicken coops and kill, raid sheep. There would be a protest should a farmer shoot, calf or lamb along streets, tarry a short time at corner, yet these disgusting are allowed to defile our buildings, invade our porches, screen doors and chairs. To dog folks these objections are trifles.

I would like to see the license dogs put not less than 10¢. This would cut out the poisoner.

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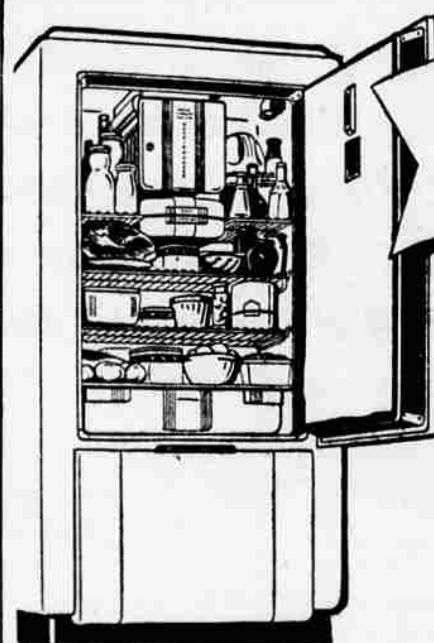
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