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There are several democratic senators in favor of the passage of the ship subsidy bill on the ground that it is a measure which if it becomes a law the republicans may thereby be undone. This is like setting fire to your own home to drive a trespasser out of it.

At the close of the war with Spain Uncle Sam planked down $20,000,000 for "an option on a war" in the Philippines. We took up the option and we still have the war with us. In this connection the New York World remarks: "Our transports sail west with money and horses and men; they sail east again with the broken, the wounded, the insane. We burn the jungle villages and shoot down their people, and wherever our soldiers venture by twos and threes outside of the armed camps they are tortured and killed. The money cost is vast, the loss of life as lamentable as it is unnecessary."

The theory of all American legislation is that it is framed to promote "the greatest good of the greatest number," and never to benefit the few at the expense of the many. But where is the legislation that stands the test of this theory? It is "few and far between." So far there has been none at Salem and little of it at Washington. Hanna's ship subsidy bill is a sample of the legislation which is being enacted. In it the wholesome theory has been utterly ignored by its framers, and yet a last desperate effort to make it a law and "a steal" is to be made. The men concerned in it are really more like brigands than statesmen.

Johnny Rieff, the 15-year-old American jockey, cabled King Edward VII a message of condolence on the death of the queen. Johnny rode a race for the Prince of Wales, on July 5 last, and won it, so when his message of sympathy was received the ruler of the British empire replied by cable: "My dear little Johnny: Your tender message of sympathy to me in this, the saddest hour of affliction that I have ever known, will be one of my most cherished assurances of a brave American boy's love. I thank you. Your true friend and comrade in the old days." This is an exceptional message to come from a king to a jockey, but it only reflects the spirit of the twentieth century, the spirit of good feeling between men, no matter what may be their stations in life.

By retaining the whole of the two-cent stamp tax on bank checks and abolishing altogether the stamps on telegrams, telephone messages, express and freight receipts and passage tickets costing less than $30, the senate committee, having the war revenue reduction bill in charge, improved upon the plan at first reported of making the bank-check stamp one cent and attempting to transfer the other taxes. The annoyance of the one cent stamp on checks would be just as great as the two cent stamp is. If any of the war taxes are to be retained this should stay, because it falls wholly upon rich or well-to-do people and yielded last year $7,000,000, with very little cost to the government. And then again it saves the banks the work of handling too many checks, as was the case when there was no stamp tax affixed to them.

A leading liberal statesman is quoted while witnessing, in company with an American guest, the royal pageantry in connection with the queen's jubilee, as saying: "What a jolly smash we shall make of all this some day!" The smash will probably come, but it will be a long time before it does. The people are in love with these free shows on the part of royalty, and the rich as well. The public like display, pomp, fuss and feathers, make-believe and pretense. There may be a gradual growth away from it, but it is not discernible. There seems to be an appetite for the spectacular which is never satisfied, and this appetite is about as fierce in England as it ever was. The mass of people are willing to pay a fancy price for those who will undertake to amuse them in donning crown, garb or office, in pretending to be something they are not, in the conferring of titles and the masquerading and posing in high place. Those who are such fools as are able to accept themselves seriously can do this kingly business and acting to best advantage. A vivid imagination and a high sounding title will do much for some people, who without these things would show to poor advantage, hence the necessity of them and the clamor among a great number of people to make an exposure of themselves.

It has been asked what is the meaning of the proposed law in congress to make gold and silver coin interchangeable at the treasury, and the necessity for it. The reply is, that it is necessary in order to make all coins and currency good as gold, which is the desirable end to which we have been directed by the sound money forces for the past five years. The claim is made that the only way to make the gold standard unassailable is to provide for the free exchange by the treasury of all standard coins by the United States, for each other, without discrimination, at the option of the holder. This gives every holder and earner of money a direct interest in the maintenance of the gold standard, and secures the parity of all silver money by making it as good as gold. It also gives a great impetus to the institution of debt, strengthens and perpetuates that institution, but that is another story. However, it can be remarked in brief, that if we had no institution of debt, if there were no laws for the collection of debts, the money question would settle itself without benefit to any class at the expense of the mass of the people who work and struggle for a living.

KING EDWARD IN HISTORY

England's new sovereign takes the title of King Edward VII. It has been nearly 350 years since an Edward was on the English throne and 629 years have passed since the first Edward was proclaimed sovereign of "the right little, tight little island."

With exception of the first great Edward there is little in the lives, the characters and the fates of his namesakes to inspire Albert Edward or to serve as a cheerful omen.

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Edward I. was a son of Henry III. and achieved fame as a Crusader. At the request of the pope he led an army to the Holy Land, captured Nazareth and massacred all the Turks within its walls. He was in the Holy Land when his father died and he was proclaimed king, but journeyed home by easy stages, passing through Italy and France, and engaging in joust and tourney. Arriving in London he was crowned in 1274 and promptly instituted important reforms of the feudal system, curbing the barons and extending many liberties to the common people. His long reign of 35 years was marked by subjugation of Wales and numerous fierce wars with Scotland. He died in 1307, from the hardships and privations of army life, while leading his seventh invasion of Scotland. Of this king it is said "he combined in a rare degree both the physical and mental qualities of a great general; and he is one of the few English kings, and perhaps the first, who can lay claim to the higher qualities of statesmanship." He has been called the "founder of English constitutional freedom."

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His son, King Edward II., who came to the throne in 1308, inherited none of the father's great qualities. During his reign Robert Bruce restored the liberties of Scotland. Edward raised an army of 100,000 men and tried to conquer the Scotch, but suffered crushing defeat at the famous battle of Bannockburn. His own queen turned against him, the nation flocked to her standard, and in 1327 the king was formally deposed by parliament and his son elected in his stead. In the same year a plot was formed against the deposed king and he was cruelly murdered at Berkeley castle.

The reign of Edward III. was marked in its earlier stages by a brilliant record, but ended in lamentable weakness. He received the crown in 1327, put the Scotch under tribute and laid claim to the crown of France. In enforcing this claim he won the brilliant victory of Crecy, fought on French soil against tremendous odds. Under this king the national spirit rose to great height, but eventually the country was impoverished by the long wars with France. In these wars his son, "the black prince," won the battle of Poitiers. Upon the hard times came the terrible scourge of the "black death," which swept away the greater part of the English people and left the country in grief and desolation. Edward's empire in France was overthrown, his people were in dire distress and the decay of his mental faculties left him the pitiable tool of mistress and designing ministers. He died in 1337.

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It was 124 years before another Edward came to the throne of England. The land was scourged by the distressing Wars of the Roses, between the rival houses of York and Lancaster, when the fourth Edward received the throne in 1461. He died in 1483, after a most tempestuous and checkered career. Of him the historian has said: "The beauty of his person and freedom of his manners rendered Edward a great favorite with the lower and middle classes, but there appears to have been little in his character to awaken real esteem. His memory is connected with no act conferring any benefit of importance on his country." In his declining years he gave himself up to debasing excesses.

Edward V., son of the former, was but 13 years of age at his father's death. His cruel and designing uncle, the duke of Gloucester, later King Richard III., secured possession of his person and imprisoned him and his younger brother in the tower of London. Their deaths followed and 20 years later it was learned that their murderous uncle caused two paid assassins to smother them under pillows.

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The last King Edward, son of Henry VIII., succeeded to the throne when 10 years of age. For plotting against him his brother was executed on Tower hill, the young king signing the fatal decree. A few years later his protector was also led out to execution on a decree signed by the vacillating child monarch. He died at the youthful age of 17, under circumstances giving rise to a suspicion that he had been poisoned, but it is thought this suspicion was unfounded, and his death really resulted from consumption, hastened perhaps by overdosing by his physicians with mineral remedies. Though bright and precocious, there is no evidence to warrant a belief that if he had lived his character would have developed strength or greatness.

It would be manifestly unfair to measure English character of the present day by the follies, excesses and cruelties of this line of English kings and the advisers around them. They belonged to the dark and middle ages, when superstition and ignorance chained all classes and government rested on "the simple plan that they should take who have the power and they should keep who can." —Spokesman-Review.

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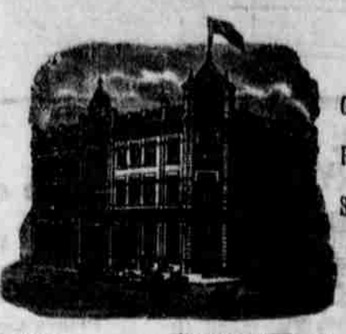

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