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WHAT A GOOD WAR WOULD DO
As European powers jockey for position in opposing "encirclements," we hear now and then on this side of the Atlantic the comment that "a good war over there would certainly help business here."

The remark is made by individuals who should know better, who passed through the economic phenomena of too great prosperity and ensuing panic which were the results of the last European war. It is made by persons who have been paying the bill for the loans which made possible the heavy buying by European nations in the previous decade, who have seen the payment of billions for the care of war victims and their survivors and as a political appeasement (the bonus) to those whose only claim was that they had served while others had not.

The hope for a "good war" is ridiculous from an economic standpoint; it is wickedly selfish in its regard for the sufferings of the many on which would be based a false prosperity. And it overlooks completely the possibility that this "good war" might involve, as it did once before, the American nation over here.

If that should happen, there is a new factor which did not enter into the last war. It would eliminate war profits and the false war prosperity, and do it rather suddenly. The new factor is a measure now in congress which is scheduled for passage if war comes.

It would operate through income taxation, raising the normal tax rate from four per cent to six per cent and starting surtax rates on incomes of more than \$3,000 at 10 per cent. Incomes of more than \$20,000 would be taxed at 93 per cent. Just in case that might not be stringent enough, exemptions for single persons would be reduced to \$500, for married persons to \$1,000. Credit for dependents would be cut to \$100.

Corporations would be in no better situation than individuals. They would be limited to realization of six per cent on declared stock valuation as of 1934 (when such values were not far from an all-time low). Anything in excess of the six per cent computed on this base would be taxed at a flat 100 per cent. Up to a two per cent realization the tax would be 15 per cent; any yield from two to six per cent on declared stock valuation of 1934 would be taxed at 25 per cent.

The measure would literally take all the joy out of war for those who measure war in its immediate dollars and cents returns. The returns just wouldn't be. And that is probably the chief reason for the measure. It would promote peace by discouraging entry into war. A secondary purpose is to turn the nation's resources into the war time treasury.

Under such law business could be sure of a much less return in war than in peace. So could individuals, even those in the lower earning range. The loss that war must entail would be made apparent while the war is on instead of some few years later.

Knowledge of the measure (H. R. 5290), should dampen the mild enthusiasm of those who now and again refer to the business benefits which would accrue from "a good war" in Europe.

MEANINGS ILLUSTRATED

The following word interpretations are from a Kansas newspaper. Can you improve on them?
"Socialism: You have two cows and give one to your neighbor.
"Communism: You have two cows; you give both to the government and the government gives part of the milk to you.
"Fascism: You keep both cows and give the milk to the government. The government sells part of the milk to you.
"Nazism: The government shoots you and keeps both cows.
"New Dealism: The government shoots one cow, milks the other and pours the milk in the river."

News pictures show Elektro, a weird looking mechanical man, going through dance steps with a comely flesh and blood young woman. Elektro, it is explained, can walk, talk, distinguish colors and count up to 10. But then, we know of some human jitterbugs who can do as well.

OREGON EDITORIALS

HIGH GRADE POETRY (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

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You tell 'em, kid—you're peaceful and not too hard to please.
But the dog that's always scratching is the one that has the fleas.—Miami Tribune.
"I hate to be a kicker" means nothing in a show.
The kicker in the chorus is the one that gets the dough.—Youngstown Telegram.
The art of soft-soap spreading is a thing that pulls and stales.
But the guy who wields the hammer is the one who drives the nails.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
The critic is a knacker, always dishing out snarl "asses."
But the Zeppelin that's floating is the one that's filled with gas.—The Way Bill.
But in European bluffing in the war game over there.
The one who holds the trump cards is one who controls the air.

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SERIAL STORY BORDER ADVENTURE

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
Betty Mary Jordan—Pretty young border patrol service secretary.
Sheridan Starr—Handsome border patrol officer.
Hope Kildare—Starr's fellow officer, also a bachelor.
Luis Barro—Mexican smuggler.

Yesterday Betty sends a letter to the officers, telling them of her discoveries that a woman and child are involved in smuggling. Then she signals that she is safe.

CHAPTER XIV
Betty Mary deduced accurately that El Casino Tecolote and The Place of the Sleeping Monk, two establishments with excellent music and excellent cuisine, really were Luis Barro's favorite hangouts when he was in Juarez. But he appeared to have business out of town a great deal of the time.

Betty liked The Place of the Sleeping Monk better. It was quieter than the first spot. It did not have a big gambling room adjoining. It seemed to enjoy a better class of customers from among the many tourists who came across from El Paso.

A detail too was the fact that Luis Barro had ordered the proprietor and employees there to "show Senorita Jordan every possible courtesy whenever she comes in." She discovered that his order meant she could never pay her check, nor indeed pay for anything, despite the meticulous service they gave her. In a way she didn't like this, but in her capacity of detective she knew it was a valuable lead.

By sneaking there often, and eating at least once a day, she struck up a nominal friendship with the manager who sat in the cashier's booth. The fifth day of her stay in Mexico, she picked a moment in mid-morning when the place was almost empty and when Luis Barro had not been around for more than a day, then opened her purse in the cashier-manager's presence.

"Oh, dear, I must have left my compact in the hotel," she lamented.

As a woman would, she dished out all manner of purse trinkets. Lipstick. Handkerchief. Pencils. Coin purse. Note pad. Tiny scissors. Nail file. A snapshot of her father. Mirror. And—a 22 caliber rifle cartridge. She called his attention to the cartridge silently with her eyes.

Instantly the man turned to his cash register and pressed a button. "Cling-clang" the machine sounded, and a "No Sale" sign popped up. From a drawer he calmly took a 22 cartridge of his own, fingered it a moment for her to see, dropped it back and closed the drawer. Betty Mary felt her pulse quicken. This was the third person today to whom she had exhibited her cartridge, and this time it had worked. The other two, a waiter and the traffic policeman outside El Casino, had shown no response.

"You—you are one of us," she murmured, tentatively.

"No one is near, but is best not to talk too much in a public place," he suggested. "Luis gets careless, I think. He is too sure of himself."

"He is quite capable," Betty Mary said.

"Oh of a certain, senorita! But caution is always good."

"Surely, senor. I am, uh, new, in his—his organization, as you doubtless know?"

"Don Luis never speaks to me of his helpers," the cashier said.

"I am interested in narcotics," she said quite frankly. "I know where perhaps a cargo worth a hundred thousand can be had. Cheap."

"A hundred thousand pesos? For how much?"

"No, dollars. American dollars. For a tenth of that. Can—can Don Luis send it safely across? Do you think I should tell him where he might contact this cargo? I do not wish to—uh, interfere too much in his plans and affairs. He might not even be interested in narcotics now. Heretofore I have helped only with aliens."

"Ha! Senorita is indeed new with the grand one! He has sent in more contraband chemicals than men. He ships it in sacks of beans. He ties it on the underside of freight cars that cross on the railroad. He even has little boys transfer it to the American side when they go wading in the Rio Grande! He is the smart one, this Don Luis!"

"Then when I am sure I can get the new cargo for him, I will tell him," Betty Mary was not looking at the man, but her eyes revealed something of the excitement she felt. "A deal of this size should be profitable to us all."

"He would send it by submarine, no doubt. It is the safest way."

"Oh, You mean—?"

"Si senorita. To the Peraltas. They have—hark, here are people coming! We talk too much!"

He turned to his cash register again, rang up a sum as if for a meal, and was giving Betty Mary some small change when four people filed in. Betty Mary took the money

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO
(From The Bulletin, April 21, 1924.)
Lumber mills, the Bend fire department and officials of the Deschutes national forest have cooperated in purchasing and bringing to Bend a delicate and valuable instrument, a hygrometer, to be used in determining periods of low humidity.

H. L. Plumb, supervisor of the Deschutes national forest, will address members of the Redmond commercial club Tuesday.

Bend, Redmond and Primeville high schools are tied for the inter-scholastic baseball championship of Central Oregon. Bend defeated Redmond 16 to 10 yesterday. Horton and Pitman were members of the Bend battery.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
(From The Bulletin, April 21, 1909.)
One of the hose carts has been moved into A. M. Lara's machine shop, where it can be found hereafter whenever needed. All volunteer firemen should take notice of this and remember the new location.

Organization of a city ball team is planned in Bend. A committee composed of C. S. Hudson, J. H. Wenandy and Mayor Davidson has been named to complete organization.

Mayor J. D. Davidson has issued a proclamation setting aside May 1 as clean up day in Bend.

Directors of the Madras school district have posted notice calling for an election to vote on a \$3000 bond issue for the erection of a new school house.

There is unanimous opinion among Bend people that their 1909 Fourth of July celebration will be the biggest in history.

New Trial Is Asked In Damage Case Here

A motion for a new trial of the case of Freda Datchler versus Harold Sinclair and Wallace Johnson was filed today by the defendants' attorneys, DeArmond, Hamilton, and Goodrich. The case was tried before a circuit court jury this term and a judgment of \$6,100 was awarded Miss Datchler.

The judgment was declared excessive in the motion and errors of law were pointed out. The complaint resulted from injuries received by the plaintiff in an automobile accident December 25.

The case was the only one heard in circuit court this term in which the jury has returned a verdict. A nonsuit was allowed by Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy in the suit of Gust C. Nuesse against the Jefferson Pine Mills, and two other automobile accidents cases were settled out of court before they reached the jury. They were those of Irene Adams versus Douglas Burrell and Ruby Holson versus John Susac.

EXTEND MONEY POWERS
Washington, April 21 (AP)—The house today passed and sent to the senate a bill extending President Roosevelt's monetary powers—including authority to devalue the dollar to 50 cents of its former worth—for two more years.

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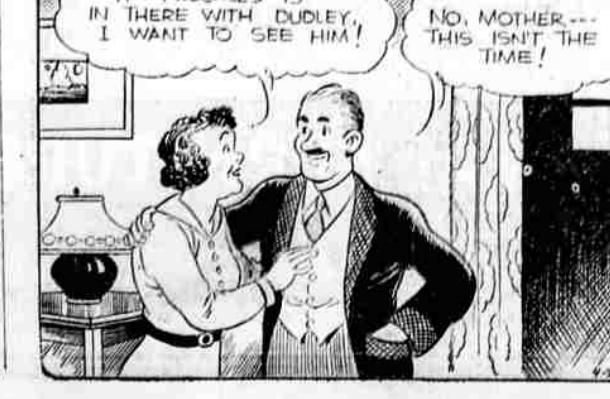
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