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Oil City Slowly Sinking

A first seller futurist novel about the turn of the century, bearing the title of "2000 A.D.," written by an army officer whose name is forgotten in the mists of time, fan-cifully nitrated the sentences of time, fancifully pictured this country as it would be a century hence. One feature noted was the subsidence of a large portion of the land in the east central area of the nation that yields petroleum and natural gas, and the consequent destruction of a large portion of which are its cities and the gradual creation of great fresh water lakes.

While over half the time limit has elapsed, there has been no sign of collapse of the earth's crust in this region, but our subterranean oil and gas supplies far under our crust have not yet been exhausted. Some of our near surface coal fields have been and minor level top surface collapses have resulted prinicpally in anthracite regions.

But that there is some basis for the theory of vacuum collapse of the carth's crust is the present subsidence at Long Beach, California, an oil center on the Pacific coast, where "every barrel of oil pumped from the depths sinks the city into a deeper depression." More than three square miles of highly developed industrial land in the city and its coastal harbor area have sunk below high tide level in the past 20 years, and the settling goes on at the rate of a foot and a half a year, it is reported.

An account by a staff correspondent of the Wall Street Journal of the Long Beach phenomenon states:

phenomenon states: "Picture the sinking area as a howl with sides and bottom. In the bottoin area, there's mostly a 'flat sinking,' so that structures there are not howl, where the speed of sinking varies, facilities have developed serious structural problems. "Sinking slowly but surely are factories, ware-houses, docks and shipyards-along with a forest of 2,400 oil well derricks and pumps. At the pit of the oval-shaped sinking basin, Southern Cali-fornia Edison Co. operates a \$22 million steam plant which sits 15 feet below high tide. Land level at the plant site has sunk 23 feet in two decades. A mile away, Ford official." Oil men report similar depressions in wide.

Oil men report similar depressions in widely scattered oil fields in the San Joaquin valley, and other California areas as well as Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela, but at Long Beach they have the Pacific Ocean inundation threat

At Long Beach the subsidence cause resulted from pumping out 750 million barrels of oil, 600 billion cubic feet of gas and 10.5 billion gallons of salt water. A costly diking system has been constructed to check the onrush of the Pacific, costing over \$50 mil-lion and a similar amount must be spent in the next few years for dikes, land filling, etc. But oil profits assure its expenditure. Many plans under consideration to check the subsistence are keeping engineers busy but they are confident of a solution.-G. P.

Collapse of Tyranny

Typical of the Republics of South America the people of Colombia have, with the aid of the army and the church staged a brief revolution and ousted President Gustave Royas Pinilla, who essayed the role of bloody tyrant for four years. After fatal rioting, a new five-man military junta forced the resignation of the dictator who is reported to have fled into exile.

The junta is pledged to bring order into the country, restore political and press free-dom, resign next year in favor of a freely elected civilian government. Colombians are staging a wild freedom celebration in Bogota, the capital.

Leaders of the Liberals and Conservatives the country's two political parties who united to bolster the strikers and demonstrations that brought Rojes' downfall have agreed to support the interim rule by the junta and appealed by radio for a return to normalcy. Press censorship has been lifted. The num-ber of those killed in the past week announc-

ed at 141. Gen Rojas has shown himself in

is an increase of over 100 per cent in six years Credit is, as everyone knows, extended for such things as purchases of automobiles, fur-niture, repairs and modernization of homes, and for medical service.

Maybe the installment purchaser doesn't gauge his own economic condition as his forebears did-by his bank balance and his holdings of debt-free property-but he's doing all right for himself, and the economists report that he is keeping up his payments and, generally speaking, avoiding the hazards of an OD slip from the bank or a "slow" label on his account from some creditor.

As long as this is the situation, by present standards anyway, the country is all right.

RAY TUCKER **Uncle Sam's Needs**

Were Few in 1913 WASHINGTON-In view of the popular revolt against the huge budget and terrifically high taxes, G. A., of Weehawken, N. J., asks an extremely timely and pertinent question. He says that he has consulted many sources, but cannot find out how theil

Federal government obtained revenue before enactment of the Sixteenth Amendment

Answer: The answer is simple and easy to obtain. I consulted both the Treasury and Internal Revenue, and the date from the data for the government's financial affairs from its founding are on file there.

RAY TUCKER The main fact is that Uncle Sam's needs were extremely small in those happy and prosaic years before World War I. The Federal budget for 1914, when the new income tax began to operate, was only \$735,-000,000, as against today's figure of \$71.8 billion. We had our first billion dollar budwhen, belatedly, we began to fear that the United States might become involved in that conflict

1914 REVENUE SOURCES

The sources of the 1914 revenue were such that they did not affect the average Ameri-can, or they touched him only so obliquely that he did not feel it. Here is how Uncle Sam collected his money in 1914; with the figures given in millions:

Customs tariffs, \$292; distilled spirits, \$153; fermented liquors (beer and wine) \$66; tobacco, \$79; corporation excise taxes paid by them, \$10.5; corporation income tax, \$32.2; individual income tax, \$28. The total amount ed to \$560.7 million.

POST OFFICE SURPLUS

The balance of Federal receipts came from functions or activities which the average American citizen never heard of or participated in. They included such things as rev-enues from land sales, consular fees, coinage profits, immigration and naturalization charges, taxes on bank notes, court fees and penalties, the cost of issuing patents, and postal profits. Believe it or not, the P. O.

had a \$3,500,000 surplus in 1914. As is obvious, hardly any tax fell upon the individual citizen. Indeed, almost the only contact the ordinary person had with the Federal government in those dreamy days was when he bought a postage stamp. And few people wrote letters in those days because the population was relatively static. Nobody moved away or traveled extensively because Henry Ford had not begun to revolutionize our way of life. "Was Herbert Hoover ever a Democrat?"

inquires Mrs. E. W., of Los Angeles, Calif. This is to settle an argument and must be in writing.

Answer: Mr. Hoover was accused of being a Democrat because he served under Wood-row Wilson during World War I, and because he was discussed as a possible Democratic Presidential nominee, in 1920. In fact, he JAMES MARLOW **Budget Fight Ending Still** Not in Sight

WASHINGTON (# - President Eisenhower's budget and his for-eign aid program will still be big news for weeks to come. He had offered a record peacetime budg-et of almost 72 billion dollars, in-cluding (# 400). luding \$4,400,-



light as he could make it. When the reaction set in-demands in and out of Congress for cuts-he had second thoughts and began talking of ways reduc-tions could be made. BOOKKEEPING REDUCTIONS

Most of them were bookkeeping reductions. Money he suggested be skipped this year would have to be voted in another year. So the reductions were postpone-ments

Four months of this session of Congress have passed and he still hasn't explained to the Inwmak-ers in delail why he wants the foreign aid money or what she'll do with it. He'll do his explaining do with it. He'll do his explaining in a special message to Congress next week. Meanwhile, after watching de mands for budget cuts mount, Ei-senhower has decided to make how hereafter a seeding to be

two broadcasts, appealing to the public to put pressure on Congress to case up on its zeal for axing the budget.

MEETING OF LEADERS

Yesterday, in preparation for he message he sends to Congress text week, Eisenhower called ongressional leaders to the White next

simply a hookkeeping rearrange-ment for this reason: CONGRESS RUSHES IN While telling Congress it can chop 500 millions off his \$4,400, 000,000 foreign aid figure, Eisen hower may propose that it reap-propriate 500 millions which was previously voted for this year but hasn't been obligated. Unless re-voted, it can't be spent. Eisenhower's love of old plati-tudes-which he manages to state with such earnestness that some-lime sthey sound almost like new platitudes-helped open the door for Congress to rush in with its budget-cutting desire. But in this the President had



Mother's Letter

House. He suggested, as he had previously, that as much as 500 million might be chopped off for-Later this writer asked two of in some detail of what Eisenhow, er had in mind. One was so vaguest ed the detar soft an explanation to see leaders for an explanation in some detail of what Eisenhow, er had in mind. One was so vaguest ed the detar soft an explanation to see leaders for an explanation in some detail of what Eisenhow, er had in mind. One was so vaguest ed the detar soft an explanation the sector this reason: Zed he wasn't sure what the ad-ministration had in mind. But coven the 500 million cut talked of by Eisenhower may be simply a bookkeeping rearrange-ment, for this reason: CONGRESS RUSHES IN

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BEN MAXWELL **News From an Earlier Day**

May 11, 1927 Miss Lucille Hubbard, a Falls City girl, had won the distinction of being first to swim the four miles between Yaquina and New-port. She accomplished her swim than ebb tide in one and a half hours. She was awarded a gold medal for the feat. Fricay, May 13, 1927, had been straw hat day in Salem, A st re et parade was held for the occasion. Despile deter-

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Of State Concern Corvalls Gazette-Times All of us here in Oregon have been more or less embarrased over the corruption, malingering and questionable honesty of the elected officials in the state's largest city and most populous county grand jury presented its scathing attack against Attorney General Robert Thornton Lattorney (1) State Concern to the people of the entire state. The grand jury has charged Thornton with "appalling

week, we felt somewhat detached from the whole mess. Now the issues have become of vital concern to the people of the entire state. The grand jury has charged Thornton with "appalling inability." It goes even further and suggests that he be replaced as prosecutor with someone "whose spirit and obligation of a personal, political or public na ture would not be in conflict with such duty." In part the grand of the circumstances surrounding the corruption of our community lead us to an inescapable con-st clusion: The eriminal acts that harged or unprosecuted in the control to the circumstances with some

the with the President. Yet in the following comment by the secret tary: **DRAWN WITH CARE** The work greatest care, and I think it is budget as now broken through living under this is apparently the best we can be structure of the transpectations of the transpectation to the committee of the transpectations of the transpectations appear to be explored to the very greatest care, and I think it is 18 months before we get through living under this budget, and I think there are a be to decommit by the beat that we can possibly to be able to make if we pay strict attention to that can be done before that is the moment that can be done before that is the to be able to make if we pay strict attention to that can be done before that is that the moment that can be done before that is the moment that can be done before the target done this budget, we will the moment that as me press conference: There is no division or difficulty in the administration at all of the secretary and the secretary and the secretary and the target of the great allowed appear to be able to in history if appropriations for abandoned through mistake ats of congress. There is no division or difficulty in the administration at all more pays the bas been made a football of politic opinion, the maximum of the entire economy is and about this failure to president differed about the budget, Mr. Humphrey said in the area no division or difficulty in the administration at all of the secretary and the pressident differed about the budget of the frame and a boy this failure to president differed the about the budget of all all the or the subject but it is no an one event and a low of all all the ord the administration at all all the moment and the there are and a low of all all the ord the administration and all all there on the subject but it the pressident differed about the budge

ments and about his failure to prosecute after almost a year of investigation, he sent us a per-sonal letter on the subject but it anchered none of subject but that same press conference: "There is no division or diffi-culty in the administration at all on this subject. This is a thing sion precipitated. investigation, he sent us a per sonal letter on the subject but it anskered none of our charges. Nor has he answered the same Not has he answered the same important charges made against him by the grand jury becau 4 its conclusions are unanswerabl. State officials evidently have attempted to find some way by which Thornton can be removed from his role of state's prosecu-tor in this case but they have

THE EAR

What you see in this girl's ear is Sonotone's new hearing aid - complete. IT'S WORN ENTIRELY IN THE EAR - no cord, no extra "button." Weighs only half an ounce.

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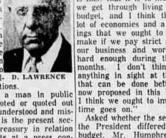
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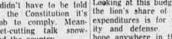
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But in this the President had REPORTS WERE WRONG



past four years to be one of the worst dictators in the long list of Latin America and his persecutions united the whole nation against him. The agitation was led by students from six universities he had closed. Rojas had also antagonized the Roman Catholic church, a power in the nation.

Rojas had for years exercised a censor-ship of press, speech and politics and closed many newspapers. He used his big police force to beat up opponents, and throw tear gas bombs into churches. His troops had all the tanks, machine guns and weapons, so their desertion ended the tyrant's regime. Power seems to go the heads of Latin-

American politicians, even in such advanced and cultured nations as Argentina, Peru and Colombia, but sooner or later the dictators criminal regimes collapse -G. P.

As Never Before

People who are known as "users of consumer installment credit' are a very large segment of the population. Whether for good or bad, as a long-pull consideration. they are very important in the economic scheme of the country.

Anyway they are a much desired element in commerce and industry, and the business world puts a lot of dependence on them. Federal Reserve Board economists report that Americans are using consumer install-ment credit as never before. No one is unhappy about it for they are said to be repaying their debts at a reasonable rate.

A \$5.5 billion surge in credit use in 1955 brought a special report from the economists which contains some interesting figure. They note that while this credit debt increased by only \$2.5 bolice is 1956 the total consumer installment credit debt at the start of 1957 was at an all-time high of \$31.5 billion. This Irish Digest, Dublin.

convention. NEVER A DEMOCRAT

But he was never a Democrat. Long before the public ever heard of him as Belgium Relief Administrator, he had been a dues-paying member of the National Republican Club of New York City. He did issue a statement urging the nation to back Woodrow Wilson, but this referred to the President as leader of the war effort, not as a politician. The fact is that, due to his long residence and many trips abroad as a mining engineer and consultant, Mr. Hoover had no interest in connection with politics of any kind until became Secretary of Commerce in 1921. And he was not too interested in Party affairs even after he became President.

A Smile or Two

A railroad executive, after attending a luncheen, dropped dead of a heart attack while on his way back to the office.

His affairs were in a terrible state as the result of his untimely passing. Among other things there was an important business letter which he had dictated just that morning. but which hadn't been mailed.

His secretary, in handling the business that had been left undone, came across the letter. She decided to mail it, first adding a posteript

"I died since I wrote the above."-Tracks.

A couple of boys walked boldly up to the dentist and one of them said, "Doc. I want a tooth took out and I don't want any gas 'cause I'm in a hurry

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It was the day before that— March 12—that the Democrats in Congress threw the ball back to Eisenhower and asked him if he tad any idea how savings could be made.) On April 3 he told a news con-corners to saw no place Where that there is, yes I do. I 2. The iodin ration,

They'll Do Okay Scattle Times They'll Do OKAY Scattle Times There's answer: "I think there is some hope you can think there is some hope you think there is some hope you can think there is some hope you think there is some hope you the the could critic think there is some hope you the you will have a depression that will curl your hair, because we are have as time goes en." PHERIOP OF TIME

rolls). 2. The iodin ration. 3. Natural (belly) breathing. 4. The regeneration regimen (corrective protective diet). 5. Daily calcium and D supple-ment for the ordinary diet. It seems easier to sell the tar-kee public a carload of tranquil-licrs or a ton of aspire or a barrel of barbiturates than it is to persuade 'em to accept an ounce of prevention. REV. GEORGE SWIFT Mother's Guiding Hand Is Most Important to Youth

 They II Do Okay Seattle Times
 have as time goes en."

 We're not going to feel too sorry for those British sailors have the will be limited to \$1 a day shore leave spending money when they visit Norfolk early next month.
 The Humphrey spoke not of this parce to budget but of what has to be done "over a long period of time." He was talking directly visit Norfolk early next month.
 Tomorrow is "Mothers Day," and in many places the day is also cel-brated as National Youth Studay of the based of things. And from all we've seen and read, British tars have much the same resourceful ness.
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State Farm Mutual's agent here today announced a new automobile insurance policy containing more than 44 valuable extra-protection features. Designed for modern motorists and their families who travel more miles behind heavier horsepower in today's hazardous traffic, the new policy offers broader coverages, new coverages, greater protection. Interested readers may get full details from:



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