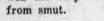
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Reading General Pershing's memoirs running in the Morning Oregonthe probable catastrophe awaiting any country that is unprepared for national defense. The loyalty of Pershing to his country and to his calling as a soldier can never be fully realized nor appreciated until one reads of what he was compelled to go through and the wholly unnecessary and uncalled for obstacles he had to surmont as the result of lethargic activity here at home, in assembling and providing for his army in France.

Various states use part of this gas tax fund for schools, buildings, sea walls, inland waterways, tax reduction on other types of property, oyster conservation and the like. There is a well defined move to shift more and more of the cost of the government onto the motorist. Primarily, gas tax is to be used for road construction and when used for any other purpose, until highways, including market roads are completed, the tax should be used for no other purpose, whatever.

Money diverted from a state treasury must be replaced, observes an exchange. It is for this reason that a proposed Oregon Legislative bill, similar to one which the California voters smothered last year, to make available half of all state insurance premium taxes for fire and police pensions is extremely dangerous. The premium tax is an ultimate cost to the thrifty who carry insurance and pay the premiums.

The number of cattle on feed for market January 1 this year was the smallest since 1921 and probably the smallest since 1916. The decrease this year was due to the short corn crop of 1930; to the heavy losses suffered by many feeders in 1929; to the difficulties in financing feeding operations this year in some sections; and to the relatively small supply of feeding cattle available at markets.

No law at all is better than a poor law. If the American people show a contempt for legal restrictions, it is the fault of our lawmakers, who have, in the past twenty years, gone a long way toward banishing the



for the ordinary heating stove. wealth, ability, or appear-Can be installed in any furnance ?" "Appearance," replied ace or stove. the other. "And the sooner the

"You won't make a bricklayer out of me," said one of Roy's hens as she pushed the porcelain egg out of her nest.

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