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Careful tabulation of bills passed or pending in the present congress, aside from direct appropriations for the war effort, shows the astounding total of fifty billion dollars in annual expenditure unless the proposed amounts are cut down or the measures are rejected outright. As the situation stands at the present time, with the appropriations made or authorized, the annual government expenditure is approximately twenty billion dollars, exclusive of the cost of the war. No peacetime tax system has yet been proposed which will bring in this amount of revenue.

Government revenues from taxation as of the present approximate \$45,000,000,000, but this is on the basis of a national income of about \$150,000,000,000. It is not contemplated by anyone that the post-war income of the federal government can have any such basis, and there is the practical certainty that a demand for tax reduction will follow shortly after the cessation of hostilities. These reductions cannot be made as soon as the war ends, of course, but the demand cannot long be ignored. It is, however, the considered opinion of government officials that tax rates must be maintained sufficiently high to bring in approximately \$20,000,000,000 a year for an indefinite period in the future.

Under the most favorable of conditions, it is estimated that the post-war national income may reach \$120,000,000,000 and on this basis an annual revenue of twenty billion will necessitate a higher rate of taxation than has ever been imposed in the United States in other than war time. The only alternative would be continued borrowing in sufficient amounts to make up the difference between income and outgo. This, with a war debt already approaching the \$300,000,000,000 mark, would invite an economic condition bordering on bankruptcy, according to arguments by senators who are opposing legislation which would make further inroads on the treasury.

It was the presentation of these facts, together with the inherent unsoundness of the measure, which resulted in defeat of the Kilgore-Murray bill in the senate, and it is believed they will have a deterrent effect in the house.

Latest demand for removal of the ban against orientals has come from an organization of India farmers in central California which claims to speak for members of their race in California, Texas, Arizona and Washington. In a letter read to the senate they ask passage of senate bill 1595 which would permit the naturalization of 3,000 natives of India now in the United States. The letter points to the fact that their people are fighting with the allies in the various theaters of war and that the ban against them is discriminatory and unjust. They do not ask that the bars be let down to permit unrestricted immigration of others from India.

There is still doubt in the minds of many observers as to the significance of a vote in the senate during consideration of the conversion bill which, on the face of it, would seem to place a majority of the senators as being opposed to further restrictions on immigration. The vote came on an amendment offered by Senator Reynolds of North Carolina which reads as follows: "After the date of enactment of this act, and until the expiration of five years after

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'Hindenburg Bastion' Falls



"Hindenburg Bastion," as this captured German "West Wall" concrete emplacement was known, is the present abode of Sergeant Savage and his buddies. The new occupants, shown pointing to a comment on the wall, are members of a Bofors gun crew.

Year Not Windy O... Wheat Rather Calm In Fact

Ladies who thought this year the windiest ever have been going bareheaded. Really this has been one of the quiet years, one that will very likely end with an average miles per hour of wind of about 5.3. The average for the first seven months has been 5.9 and the windiest part of the year is over.

Average for these first seven months is 6.3. However, 1944 has been a little milder than have the recent years. In 1943 the average for the seven months was 5.4 and for two or three years it has been comparatively calm.

In the first years of the last decade it was really windy. The first seven months of 1930 averaged 8.8. For the years 1929 to 1934 all years averaged over 7 miles per hour.

This year the crops are good, the price high and it is possible to notice the wind. Back in the early 30s crops were very poor, the price worse and little things like the wind could be very bad and still not be noticed.

4-H Club Calves Weighed This Week

The 4-H club calves of the county were weighed Wednesday by LeRoy Wright, county agent and club leader, and some very fine gains shown by the youthful feeders of the livestock.

Best gain was made by Clarence May's Shorthorn calf that has gained 2.96 pounds per day since the last weighing. It now weighs 1028 pounds. Second was made by an Angus calf being fed by Ed Fritts which gained 2.81 and third by an Angus fed by Harry Hartley which gained 2.6 pounds per day.

Only two Herefords are being fed this year by the boys, and both are at the Amandus von Borstel ranch and both weigh 900 pounds. Fred and Philip are feeding them. Other calves being fed, with their weights are: two Angus being fed by Harry and James Hartley weigh 734 and 815 and a Shorthorn weighing 965. Duane and Merle Eakin's Shorthorns weigh 709, 795, 800 and 895 and Terry Bucholtz has an Angus weighing 865.

All will be shown at the local 4-H club fair and then taken to the Pacific International. The local fair will probably be held immediately prior to the International.

PICK-UPS CAN BE BOUGHT, IF—

Farmers who want to buy a new pick-up may do so by finding one that is for sale, obtaining the serial number, the make and the name of the dealer and then applying to the county transportation committee for a permit to buy. Says LeRoy Wright, county agent, who has received new instructions on such purchases.

Dividend For Power Users Coming Again

Another "dividend" totaling \$200,000 will be received by customers of Pacific Power & Light company about the end of September, giving them the equivalent of one month's free service in 1944. Announcement of the "dividend" was made following a meeting of the company's board of directors in Yakima, at which the payment was authorized.

Like a similar payment made to electric users last May, the latest "dividend" will amount to approximately one-half of a typical monthly bill. It will be paid by checks mailed to each customer.

The two "rate dividends" will mean total savings of \$600,000 in electric bills of Pacific Power & Light company customer in 1944, and will be equivalent to an 8.3 per cent rate reduction.

Trashy Fallow Plot Makes 36.4 bus.

Yield of the Rex wheat on the trashy fallow plot on the Moore farm grown by Joe Belanger methods was 36.4. The crop was sown October 12, a few weeks later than other Rex that made a greater yield.

A new drill will be used this year, one that promises to give a wider drill row. As the drill used is 14 inches between furrows the grain appeared thin. This new drill will plant the furrows six inches wide leaving a more normal distance between rows. This may make a difference.

A larger acreage will be in this type of wheat on the Moore farm next year, it being between the farm house and the trestle where it can be easily seen.

Crop Year Moisture Low At 9.42 in.

Precipitation for the crop year, September 1 to September 1 has been 9.42 to the end of July and one so far has been recorded in August. It seems unlikely that any will come from present indications. This is nearly two inches under the normal precipitation of 11.34. Only months of the 1943-44 crop year that were really good were November, April and June, the others brought smaller rainfall than usual.

Famed DDT Kills Oregon Bugs

Complete control of the oblique banded leaf roller that ruined much of the Gresham berry crop last year was obtained this season by the use of the new wonder insecticide DDT, reports Joe Schuh, assistant entomologist of the OSC experiment station, who has been working on this problem for several years.

As far as known this is the first crop of commercial size on which the new insecticide has been used, as all supplies except experimental quantities have been reserved for the armed forces. Because of the impending certain loss of the crop on hundreds of acres of the raspberries destined for military use, federal officials last spring released 100 pounds of the precious material, which was applied to 50 acres seriously infested.

OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND, SAYS O.W.I.

The office of war information says: Young lady, if your boy friend is in Australia, you'd better write him today—and every day. The Australian News and Information Bureau says that an estimated 10,000 American servicemen in that country have married Australian girls. The more than 7,000 marriages registered with American consulates do not include recent weddings.

Near 3,000,000 bus. Of Wheat In Warehouses Now

It is probable that there is 2,000,000 bushels of wheat already accounted for in the Sherman county wheat crop for 1944. It is possible that another 500,000 or 600,000 will come in later.

At Moro the elevators have taken in more than 750,000 bushels of wheat and this is but little over a quarter of the area of the crop as a general rule.

While the larger part of the grain has been cut there will be some threshing done for a couple weeks, although few will go into the second week. The crop has been much larger than estimated earlier and yields of 40 bushels have been announced all over the county. Few farmers obtained less than 30 bushels on some part of their crop land. There were 121,257 acres sown to wheat this year.

Harvest has been faster this year than last because of better weather. Only once did a spotted rain flurry stop harvest and although mornings were damp, many farmers threshing Turkey Red did not lose much time. Elevators have gotten through with little stoppage or delays other than waiting for other trucks to unload.

There seems to be a greater demand for new seed wheats this fall than usual and farmers with MI Rex have sold much of it to neighbors for seed.

Local Workers Attend Party Caucus

Republicans of Oregon met last Saturday in their biennial session to elect state officers and listen to political talks and organization lectures. Everett Dirksen, congressman from Illinois, was the principal speaker at the Saturday meeting which was held in Portland.

Neil Allen of Grants Pass was re-elected state chairman and Mrs. John Y. Richardson was re-elected vice-chairman. Kenneth Nielson of Eugene and Howard Wall of Portland were also re-elected as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Attending from Sherman county were Mrs. Howard Conley, county chairman, J.B. Adams, treasurer and Giles French, secretary.

Cash Wheat Weak In Portland Market

The cash wheat market situation at Portland was somewhat irregular the past week, with ordinary classes ranging from unchanged to slightly lower, while Hard Red Winter and Hard White with 12 protein, were higher as compared with a week ago. Demand was reported as extremely dull from all classes of buyers, especially coast mills. Difficulty in obtaining 12 percent protein Hard White caused the advance in that quality with trade reports indicating new crop Hard Whites is running relatively low in protein. The CCC was out with a support price of \$1.45 per bushel at the close of the period at Portland, for wheat in store at terminals, with coast transit. Wheat receipts at Puget Sound and Columbia River terminals were seasonally large at 1,190 cars for the week of which Portland had 465. These receipts were reported to consist largely of CCC grain and wheat shipped for terminal storage. Growers were reported offering wheat only sparingly since quotations here are either at or only slightly under loan values. Conditions in Oregon were favorable for harvest of grain which is nearing completion in some earlier winter areas. Conditions were unfavorable for late spring grain which shows considerable deterioration.

Task Force Admiral



Vice Adm. M. A. Mitscher, commander of Task Force 58, aboard his carrier off Saipan during encounter with Jap fleet in the Marianas. He is watching the launching of planes.

New Heating Unit Ordered By Council

The Moro city council met Tuesday night voted to order a new boiler for the heating plant in the hotel. Decision was caused by the condition of the old boiler which was found to be inoperable by the state boiler inspector last week.

A new boiler together with new water tank will be installed to make the heating and water heating part of the hotel entirely new. It will be about a month before the new equipment can be delivered.

Bicycle Rider Rules Must Save Lives

The fact that so many of these bicycle fatalities were the result of unsafe traffic practices on the part of the riders is evidence that they need not have occurred. Farrell said, "Bicyclists should observe traffic regulations and they should learn the rules of safe riding and observe them in the interests of their own safety."

These rules of safe riding were suggested:

1. Keep well to the right on streets and highways. Never ride in the center of the thoroughfare.
2. When turning, get in the proper lane and give the proper hand and arm signal.
3. Never cut sharply across the path of vehicular traffic.
4. When riding in groups, ride single file so no riders will be forced out into the path of heavier vehicles.
5. When riding into streets or highways, watch for approaching cars and do not ride out into their path.

No Draft Call Coming In September

Wily Knighten, chairman of the Sherman County draft board, has announced that there will be no September call for men from Sherman county. Several young men were deferred until after they had finished harvest work and their call was expected sometime this fall but will be delayed until later. William Beck and Robert Holmes left Monday for service, reporting to Portland.

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His action will have the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission Mr. Flagg is assured, and is likely to be placed in effect by all other state commissions. The military branches are said to be discharging thousands of men at this time, as well as sending home those who have completed hospitalization. Round trip tickets will also be sold to furloughed men at one and one quarter cents per mile, which is a little less than one-half fare on most railroads. Civilians will not be entitled to the special rates. Commissioner Flagg issued the order from Klamath Falls where he was attending to official business on Thursday.

Winter and Spring Wheats Differ Little At Station

Very little difference in yield between fall and spring wheats was recorded at the experiment station this year, says Merrill Oveson, superintendent. The winter wheat average was 35.9 and for spring wheat was 35.3.

Best of the winter varieties was a cross between Alcel and Rex, a Red chaffed club wheat with some smut resistance that may be heard from later. It made 42.2 bushels per acre.

Elgin made 40.0 and Golden tied with 39.4. Triplett made 38.9; Federation 38.4; Rex-Rio (beardless-short) 37.8; Rio-Rex (bearded-red shaft) 37.5.

Of the more definitely Turkey wheats Rio made 35.1, Karkok 33.6, Oro 33.0. Oddly Rex was low with but 30.9 bushels on the station. In nearly every other part of the county Rex out produced Turkey Red wheats by four to six bushels, although some farmers report Rex as falling below Turkey Red.

Of the spring wheats the best yield was made by a cross bred wheat parented by Federation and Yunyip which made 40.3 bushels. Emona did as well, Idead 39.3, White Federation 38.9, Hard Federation 36.3 and Federation 37.3. Variation in the Federations was wider this year than usual according to Mr. Oveson.

Results of other tests on the station are being weighed and computed at the station and will be published when possible. There is a great blowing of samples, together with careful weighing to determine the exact yield per acre from a sample grown in a small row.

Several of the new wheats show promise and may become as valuable as have earlier grains produced on this station.

Five Named To Veterans Committee

Appointment of a committee of former service men to act as a Veterans Advisory Committee was done this week by LeRoy Wright and J.M. Wilson, chairman and secretary of the county agricultural planning committee. Named were Lee Dehlar, I.P. Haven, Arthur B. Christianson, Norris Glikson and Henry Peters. Their duties will be to advise veterans.

New Rates Made For Veterans

Because of an order authorized today by Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg, Oregon personnel now being discharged from the service will be able to reach their homes with more of their discharge pay in their pockets. Flagg approved a plan that will allow discharged personnel to travel at half fare on all railroads. The rate takes effect September 1, with the usual privilege of completing the journey in 30 days.

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