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## EDITORIALS

### LONDON GAINING

By John W. Kelly

By systematic "sampling" of public opinion over a period of months, republicans are confident that Oregon can be placed in the Landon column in November.

Following facts have been developed by the series of repeated tests of sentiment; President Roosevelt's popularity is on the decline; the administration has lost so many former supporters that a repetition of the landslide of 1932 is out of the question; there has been a steady and substantial increase in sentiment for Governor Landon, this sentiment coming from voters who were in the Roosevelt camp.

Other facts revealed in the surveys included evidence that republicans who stood by their ticket four years ago have no intention of deserting their party this year, whereas many republicans and conservative democrats who voted for Mr. Roosevelt in 1932 will not do so a second time.

It was a protest vote which enabled Mr. Roosevelt to carry Oregon by 77,852 majority; in the current campaign the protest vote, whatever its strength, will go to Governor Landon, for a protest vote is always cast against the incumbent.

Estimates vary as to the number of votes Mr. Roosevelt has lost. If only 25,000 have changed, this would reduce his 1932 majority of 77,852 to 27,000. If 20 percent of even 15 percent of Mr. Roosevelt's supporters have deserted him for one

reason or another, his majority is wiped out or so near the vanishing point that his carrying Oregon is a matter of doubt.

Impartial observers are of the opinion that Mr. Roosevelt has lost not less than 15 percent of his 1932 adherents. This is a matter that can be checked by anyone asking the first 100 men and women who voted for Mr. Roosevelt, if they intend giving him their ballot in November. Such tests will vary with each 100 people, but the average of Roosevelt desertions exceeds 15.

In calculating defections from the New Deal, it should be remembered that some replacements will come from the crop of first voters, but these recruits cannot offset more than a small percentage of the losses.

Having assembled the evidence deducted by the "sampling" process, the republican leaders are satisfied that Oregon is on longer a solid Roosevelt state—it has never gone democratic for president but twice in its history—and is now actually in the doubtful column. Encouraged by the situation revealed, republicans are preparing to redouble their efforts in the remaining weeks of the campaign. In partial confirmation of the hopes of republicans, democrats on the inside of their party organization admit there has been a slip away from Mr. Roosevelt and to such a degree that they do not expect to sweep the state by any such large majority as was given the New Deal in 1932. Practical men in the democratic high command are not deluding themselves; they recognize that the result in Oregon looks like a horse race.

### PAID ON ACCOUNT

"A housewife attempting to make both ends meet from her husband's \$20-a-week pay check must disburse \$5 out of that \$20—one fourth of it—for taxes . . . direct and indirect . . . seen and unseen," says a recent survey.

This will probably come as a shock to persons in the small-income bracket—many of whom are laboring under the delusion that they are entirely tax-free, because they pay nothing in direct taxes—but the figures are irrefutable. American corporations pay taxes of more than \$2,000,000,000 a year, in addition to corporate income taxes, which totaled nearly \$500,000,000 in 1933. Wholesalers and retailers of goods are also heavily taxed. And every cent of that tremendous tax bill is, in effect, simply "paid on account" for individuals by the manufacturers and others.

In other words, business pays the

bill to government—and then business passes it on to the people by adding to the cost of every commodity and service it sells. Business couldn't do otherwise if it wanted to. It can't raise money out of thin air, or pull greenbacks out of a magician's hat. Every cost of operation—whether it be rent, supplies, wages or taxes—must come out of the pockets of people who buy its products. When you buy a loaf of bread or an automobile, go to a movie or pay your rent, drink a glass of beer or ride on a street car, part of the money you spend goes to reimburse the enterprise involved for the taxes it has paid government on your account. And the higher taxes soar, the more you must pay. You can't beat the bill you "owe" the government.

So if you've fallen for the ancient fallacy to the effect that "The rich pay all the taxes, and the poor get all the benefits of government free," think again!

### Cartoonist "Ding" Exposes New Deal

WASHINGTON, D. C.—How politics caused a collapse of a water conservation program in the drought area of North Dakota was exposed by Jay N. (Ding) Darling, famed cartoonist while broadcasting in the William Hard radio hour.

Mr. Darling served as chief of the bureau of biological survey in the Department of Agriculture. He resigned when New Deal policies interfered with conservation.

"The bureau of biological survey made a careful study of the water resources of North Dakota and mapped out a program of impounded water reservoirs which would have safeguarded the state through dry years. Furthermore there was a job in this program for every unemployed able-bodied man in North

Dakota if the work had been carried out.

"Instead the New Deal administration ignored the planning of its own bureau and handed over all relief money for North Dakota to political administrators. The result was, that all the money was spent and nothing was accomplished. We did succeed in getting a few dollars and constructed a few ponds, which have been the sources of the only available water for cattle during the drought."

Mr. Darling further remarked that the big Grand Coulee Dam now being built by the New Deal in the state of Washington on the Columbia River would bring most of the salmon fishing in that river to an abrupt end and would destroy forever "the major part of a ten-million dollar annual food supply."

Asked why the United States Government Bureau of fisheries did not prevent this destruction, Mr. Darling replied:

"All opposition from the Bureau of Fisheries was stopped by getting rid of the expert Chief of that Bureau and by putting into his place a United States Senator's secretary

whose knowledge of fish was gained in the city read estate business and in Washington politics. The Senator—Mr. Clarence Dill—of the State of Washington—promptly retired from public life to look after his private business as soon as the New Deal had appropriated sixty-one million dollars for the Grand Coulee Dam in his state; but he left behind him his secretary, Mr. Frank Bell, who became Chief Fish Commissioner.

"True conservationists protested; but the dam was called conservation and once more it was proved that conservation is a grand alibi for anyone who wants to get away with murder."

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