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**SPECIAL PRIVILEGES**

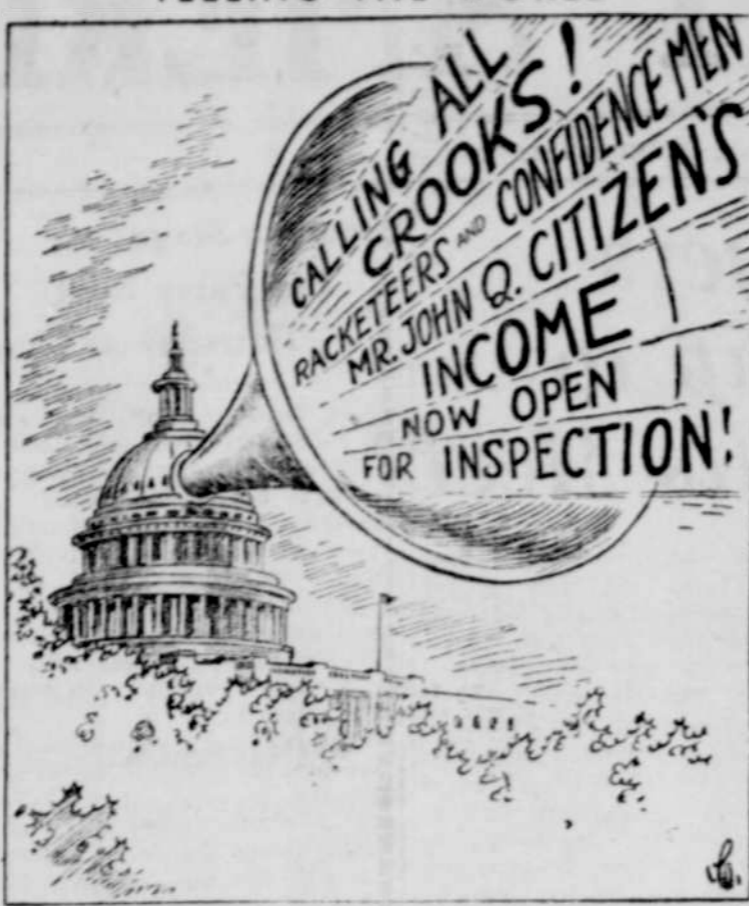
"Justice for all, special privileges for none." That has been a popular cry in American politics from the days of Jefferson down. During all that time, it must be admitted, the principle has been violated in the interest of separate groups at the expense of the whole community. But these forms of special privilege have been, on the whole, much cut down or abolished. One set remains and has even been enlarged. We refer to the special privileges claimed by organized labor and freely allotted to it.

It has, in fact, become a kind of sacred preserve, in both politics and legislation. No public man dares lay rude and inquiring hand upon it. Stringent measures are demanded for others, but labor unions are always exempt. Consider the requests for greater power which the Secretary of Labor has just made of Congress. Miss Perkins asks that the Department of Labor have the right, in case of a strike or other labor disturbance, to subpoena witnesses, including employers and workers, and also to call for the production of books, papers and records. Would the Secretary of Labor ever think of applying the legislation to the heads of labor unions? Would she issue a subpoena for Mr. John Lewis and require him to give testimony under oath? Members of Congress would shrink with horror from the grant of such powers. The LaFollette committee is running down cases of espionage by large employers, but does it ever think of exposing the tactics of labor union organizers? Would it be at all interested in charges or affidavits setting forth acts of tyranny and even brutality by labor union officials or agents? Everybody knows that it would not be, and also knows the reason why. One special privilege now exercised by organized labor is that of political intimidation. No one will deny that labor unions are entitled to their full rights. But they must ask no more than equality with their fellow citizens.—New York Times.

**AMERICAN LEGION FIGHTS FOR SAFETY**

The Americanism Commission of the American Legion, long active in the cause of traffic safety, has re-

**TELLING THE WORLD**



leased two talking-slide-films dealing with that vital subject. Entitled "Inertia" and "The Other Fellow," they are an important contribution to promoting wider understanding of the cause and cure of the traffic accident problem.

"Inertia" is an interesting and unusual presentation of why it is necessary to exercise care at the wheel of a motor car. It describes the physical laws of motion and how they affect automobile driving. It emphasizes that we are so accustomed to the power plant we call the automobile that we consistently tend to undervalue the force it harbors. The second film, "The Other Fellow," is a dramatic treatment of community responsibility for traffic accidents. Not the other fellow, alone, but all of us are responsible for the mounting toll of death and injury because of failure to discharge responsibilities of enforcement, engineering, education, self-discipline. The film describes how a number of American cities are coping effectively with their traffic problems, and shows that any community, with intelligence and determination, can do the same.

The films were made possible by the financial support of trade groups within the automotive industry, and produced with the cooperation of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters. Six hundred copies of the productions are being distributed country-wide through state departments of the American Legion. The Legion is showing the films to its members and will ar-

range showings for other interested groups in the community.

It is peculiarly fitting that the great organization which grew out of a carnage should now be engaged actively in a war the primary purpose of which is to save lives.

**DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY**

In a letter to the New York Times, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler warmly commends the national program to consolidate governmental bureaus in the interest of efficiency as well as economy. He said: "The far-reaching and carefully prepared proposals for the reorganization of the administration of the Federal government at Washington, which the President has recently recommended to the congress in such clear and convincing terms is, in my judgment, the most important proposal having to do with the form and conduct of our government which has come from the White House in my memory."

There is some debate as to details of the President's plan—but so far as the basic principle it represents is concerned, there seems to be no opposition other than from politicians and office holders. Under terms of the proposal, many of our helter-skelter bureaus would be consolidated under one administrative head. The plan would do away with a great deal of the political patronage which, for generations, has put incompetents in important positions, and made improvement in the standards of public service impossible. Dr. Butler makes this convincing

observation: "One of the strongest defenses which democracy can make against the inroads and attacks of despotism is to prove its efficiency. If democracy is truly efficient in the discharge of public business, the door will be closed in the face of any approaching forms of despotism."

Curiously enough, it is widely believed that Congress may oppose this plan, as it has done with four preceding presidents who favored such reforms, because it does not want to lose its vote-getting patronage privileges.

**RAINY DAY RESERVES**

Two things are about to happen. They will bear watching as they relate one to the other. They are:

1. As the floodwaters recede, corporations will send their employees back into the plants to clean up the mess, rebuild and repair machinery not completely ruined. Equipment damaged beyond repair will have to be replaced with new. The cost will run into many millions.

2. Because some half-billion dollars in sales and nuisance taxes are due to expire, and because the government has to have that revenue, Congress must soon take up the question of taxes. Congressional leaders have not decided yet whether to limit the tax bill to a renewal of the expiring excises, or open up the whole tax structure for a general overhauling.

What is the relation of these two situations, one to the other? Simply this:

Our present tax laws include what is known as a corporate surplus tax, enacted hastily last year. This is a steeply graduated tax on undistributed corporate income. It forced many corporations last year to pay out in dividends income which otherwise would have been held in reserve for just such an emergency as this flood.

One very very good test of the wisdom—or lack thereof—of this law will come when we learn to what extent the tax-forced disgorging of dividends has interfered with the ability of the corporations to re-employ and rebuild in the flood areas.—The Washington Daily News.

**Try an Ad in The American**

**Schools**

**High School Notes**

Jane Purry and Donald and Dorothy Smith went to Corvallis to take part in the Grange Contest Plays.

Kenneth Hood has a job in the new Safeway store.

Bill Grimes, Avys Ayers, Blue O'Connor and Clarabelle Brood visited Clarabelle's brother near Medford Sunday afternoon.

Lorne Webster, Blue O'Connor and Clarabelle Brood saw the basketball game between Medford and Grants Pass Saturday night at Medford.

Mr. March is back to school again after having been ill of the flu.

Maxine Moore was shopping in Medford Saturday afternoon.

Zada Cash visited friends in Medford Sunday afternoon.

Georgia Conger went hiking Sunday.

Vera Ayers went boat-riding Sunday afternoon.

Millie McCord visited friends in Medford Sunday afternoon.

Wana Conrad shopped in Medford Monday morning.

**New Half Dollar Honoring Bay Bridge**

Silver half dollars, minted to commemorate the completion of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge, can be secured this week at The First National Bank of Portland and may be ordered through any branch of this bank. The coins sell for \$1.50. Only 100,000 were minted and all unsold by February 15 will be returned to the mint for re-minting.

Jacques Schneider, famous young California sculptor, designed the coin with the grizzly bear, emblem of California, on one side and on the other the great bridge, which opened last November and is reputed to be the longest bridge in the world. Minting of the commemorative coin was authorized by Congress in a bill introduced by Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California and was approved by President Roosevelt on June 6, 1936.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

January 1, 1937

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	
Cash	\$1,213,716.47	Reserve for Losses	\$ 859,288.80
*Government Bonds	164,372.69	Reserve for Adjustment Expense	91,335.75
*Municipal and Corporate Bonds	1,098,239.14	Reserve for Administration Expenses	105,509.09
*Preferred and Common Stocks	312,352.92	Reserve for Accrued Taxes	119,372.51
Premiums in Course of Collection	114,022.89	Reserve for Reinsurance Premiums	787.55
Prepaid Reinsurance Premiums	5,016.51	Reserve for Unearned Premium	1,090,695.99
Interest Due and Accrued	11,494.74	SURPLUS	652,225.99
Not Assets	\$2,919,215.66	Total	\$2,919,215.66

\*Actual market value of these investments on December 31, 1936, was \$56,387.72 in excess of these figures.

**A RECORD OF CONSISTENT PROGRESS**

Year	Assets	Net Surplus	Unearned Premiums	Net Prens. Written	Total Income	Total Disbursements
1928	\$ 170,668	\$ 54,331	\$ 43,334	\$ 170,991	\$ 222,721	\$ 66,730
1929	\$ 492,620	102,291	203,339	742,440	749,328	413,851
1930	841,545	118,416	404,630	1,065,193	1,098,971	864,623
1931	931,594	159,129	417,734	1,277,539	1,311,773	1,138,403
1932	1,088,863	221,753	478,207	1,329,753	1,371,745	1,206,791
1933	1,371,470	391,274	560,458	1,586,908	1,639,782	1,369,482
1934	1,687,053	357,051	719,292	2,138,566	2,211,996	1,919,520
1935	2,153,498	451,176	870,959	3,043,029	3,193,653	2,587,629
1936	2,919,216	652,226	1,090,696	3,898,653	3,975,491	3,207,844

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- Hens For Roasting or Stewing lb. **23<sup>C</sup>**
- Cottage Cheese pt. **10<sup>C</sup>**
- Fruits & Vegetables**
- Bananas lb. **5<sup>C</sup>**
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