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EDITORIALS

RE-DISCOVERY OF A THOUGHT

David Lawrence, writing in his column in metropolitan newspapers this week, gives expression to a thought, which, while not new, is breaking on the world with all the force of discovery.

It is the thought that the world must turn its back on the leadership of material gain which it has been following, and look once again more fully to the leadership of the spirit and the soul. Turn, as it has turned innumerable times in its history.

The Bible, the records in the archives of every modern nation, and the stories pieced from the meagre, remaining fragments of lost civilizations—all tell the story, over and over again. The story of patterns of life inaugurated in the reachings of the spirit, only to end in the maelstroms of conflict that came with the attainment, or near-attainment of material goals.

It is a good sign for the civilization of today that the people are beginning to think and to raise their eyes above their struggles of the moment, seeing some glimmer of a truth that is above wars and the greed for commerce in which they are bred. And it is possible that our own nation has been ordained to play a part in the rebirth of the only things that have sustained since the time of creation.

Certainly we have the pattern clearly before us in the constitution of our government—that remarkable document on which the whole of our lives is built. Our job is to return, in our private, business and national lives, to more than lip service of that pattern. The world is ready to follow a good example if we are ready to set it. —Granta Pass Bulletin

FIGHT FIRE NOW

A national drive is now well underway to promote the adoption of a standard, up-to-date fire prevention ordinance in all the cities and towns of this country.

The importance of this has been explained in a joint announcement by W. E. Mallalieu, General Manager of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which prepared the ordinance, and C. W. Schoelzel of the National Association of Insurance Agents. "It is imperative that every one redouble his efforts to prevent fires in order to conserve lives and our material resources," the announcement says. "President Roosevelt emphasized that it is imperative to impress upon all the individual

responsibility for protecting human life and safeguarding homes, industries and public buildings against this grave menace."

"Many of the local associations of insurance agents, as well as other groups interested in community welfare, have begun the work for adoption of the fire prevention ordinance and will continue it until their efforts have been successful.

"It is inconceivable that these activities will fail to make people realize that an extraordinary effort is necessary in all communities to reduce fire waste which, during the first eight months of this year, was greater than for the comparable period last year."

No community, big or little, can have an excuse for failure to do everything possible to fight fire. The suggested fire prevention ordinance is a potent weapon, and no time should be wasted in adopting it. Fight fire for your own safety—and for the safety of your country.

Economic Highlights

Next March 1, a good many Americans will have a rude awakening. They will learn, for the first time, that war and defense are an incredibly costly business. Or, on that date, the highest income taxes ever levied in this country will be due and payable. Everyone knows that the new tax bill is severe—but it is probable that relatively few know just how much of their income it will take.

A comparison of the old tax bill with the new tells the story. Under the old law, a single person with \$3,000 net income paid the Federal government \$84 in direct taxes—under the new law he must pay \$197. Under the old law a married person with no dependents and a \$10,000 income, paid \$528—under the new law he must pay \$1,305. And the new tax bill reaches down into income levels which were never touched before. For instance, under the old law a married person earning \$2,000 a year was not taxed at all. Under the new law, he must pay \$37.

In the upper income brackets, very substantial increases have also gone into effect. A married man, for example, without dependents and earning \$25,000 a year, paid \$3,843 under the old law. Next year he must pay \$6,864—an increase of more than 50 per cent.

In the highest income brackets, the increases are proportionately much less—and for a sound reason. That reason is that people with incomes of great size have long been taxed to the very hilt. An example: Under the old law, a married person with an income of \$1,000,000 a year had to pay the Federal Treasury close to three-quarters of it—\$717,000. Under the new law, he will pay something over \$732,000.

The heaviest burden of the new

law, however, falls on corporations, rather than on individuals. The regular corporation income tax rates have been upped, and, in addition, very large increases in corporation excess profits taxes have been enacted. A corporation with a net income of \$5,000 a year or more must pay a regular tax of 24 per cent. On excess profits of \$50,000 it must pay 45 per cent in addition, where the old rate was 35 per cent. When excess profits pass \$500,000, it must pay 60 per cent. Furthermore, the new law contains a provision which makes the burden on corporations considerably higher than the percentage figures indicate. To quote the U. S. News, "Under the old law, the normal taxes came out first, and the excess profits taxes were levied on what was left. The new law provides that the excess profits taxes come out first, and the normal taxes apply to what is left. Since the excess profits rates are much higher than the normal rates, the corporation fares much worse by the change."

The individual will not have met his share of new taxes when he signs his check for his income tax and sends it in to the Collector of Internal Revenue. In addition, the new bill levies a large number of commodity taxes. Liquor, automobiles, household machinery, amusement enterprises, etc., are to be substantially taxed. And the consumer, of course, will have to pay.

As this column has pointed out before, there are two facets to heavy taxation. One—the obvious one—is the production of more revenue. The other is to reduce the public's purchasing power and so help prevent, or slow price inflation. But some believe that the new tax bill does not go far enough so far as the last goal is concerned. They believe that a system of compulsory savings will have to be put into effect during this period of rising incomes and declining supply of commodities. Whatever happens, it is clear that we are just beginning to learn, at first hand, the financial sacrifices that the defense of our hemisphere makes unavoidable.

Ancient Romans
Were Real Gluttons

Of course we think there is no one that can eat quite so much as that over-staying "in-law" and his family. However to get an accurate picture of real honest to goodness gluttony we must refer to our friends, the Ancient Romans. Here we will find GLUTTONY to exceed the wildest hopes. Petronius, one of the early writers, describes an example in the feast of

INTERESTED, YES, YES!



"What does your wife think of your art work?"
"Oh, she's very much interested—always asks me, as soon as I get home, if I have received a check yet."

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again, fish and many kinds of birds, all of which our host tells his astonished guests, are made out of pork by his skilful cook." Well, to make a long story short, Gormandizing reached its highest peak during the Roman days. Eating and stuffing themselves became an obsession. At some feasts 600 ostrich brains were served. Nightingales and thrushes were called upon to yield tongues for the feast. But wait—let us read something written in 1659 in a Mr. Samuel Pepy's diary—long after Trimalchio's time—(quote): My wife got ready a very fine dinner, a dish of marrow bones, a leg of mutton, a loin of veal, a dish of fowl, three pullets and a dozen larks all in a dish. A great tart, a neat's tongue, a dish of anchovies and a dish of prawn and cheese.—End of quote. Let us for a few minutes sit at the table of President Andrew Jackson. A friend recording his feast, says, "The party was small. The first course was soup in the French style. Then beef bouillie. Next, wild turkey boned and dressed with brains. After that fish. Then chicken, cold and dressed white, interlaid with the slices of tongue and garnished with dressed salad. Then canvasback ducks and celery. Followed by partridge with sweet breads and last but not least pheasants with Virginia Ham." There followed deserts, etc., etc., but we are not including any more in this article.

(The data about Andrew Jackson, taken from an old Hygea Magazine. The article regarding Trimalchio and ancient Rome, I cannot find the authority from which this was originally taken.—D. D. Davis.)

THE COUNTRY PAPER SPEAKS

I am the oldest business in town. Old mills have been abandoned; I persist. Oldhouses, old hotels of great renown have gone their ways, but I, I still exist. Upon my inky pages there appears the story of this place throughout the years. I told of youth and war, of girls who Weds, Of rich and poor alike, of thief and sage.

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And how they lived—through most of them are dead. While ageless I am of the present ages: Man's varied acts have always been my text— What happened long ago, and what comes next. Though I am old, in truth I still can say: Nothing can be so nearly up-to-date; Both yesterday and morrows I survey.— Of ne'er-do-wells and those of high estate. I lived because I served, and still shall live Because, of all I have, to all I give!

Bristow Adams

Rialto

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Richard Arlen—Andy Devine
"Men of The
Timberlands"

—Plus—

The Range Busters in
"The Kids
Last Ride"

SUN—MON.

RED SKELTON
(The New Comedy Star)

"Whistling in
The Dark"

TUE—WED.

The East Side Kids in
"Bowery Blitzkreig"

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"Power Dive"

—Plus—

Tim Holt in
"The Fargo Kid"

SUN—MON—TUE

Tyrone Power—Linda Darnell

"Blood and Sand"

WED—THUR

Charles Boyer in
"Back Street"

Crocheted Jewelry New Fashion



WHEREVER you use crochet, this year, you can be sure of its fashion-rightness, with outstanding designers using this lovely handwork for everything from hats to sandals. And now comes crocheted jewelry, the perfect accessory to dramatize a simple dress and give it an up-to-the-minute flair. Tiny seashells in crochet comprise this set of matching collar-necklace, bracelet and earrings. Made in two shades of mercerized pearl cotton—a lighter shade for the inner part of each shell and a deeper tone of the same color for the edge—the set can be crocheted for about 30¢. Directions for crocheting this jewelry may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of this paper, specifying design #1011.



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