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FOIL THE SUMMER BURGLAR

Summer is here—and the burglar is getting out his housebreaking tools. The vacation months, when so many residences are empty and unguarded provide ideal working conditions for the housebreaker. He does not have to be wary of sleepers who may wake momentarily and sound an alarm. He need have no fear that a dog's angry barking will reveal his presence. He can work leisurely and thoroughly.

If persons who are leaving their homes unoccupied even for a short time this summer will take the following precautions, they will add greatly to their protection and peace of mind:

1. Lock securely all doors, windows or other entrances to the house.
2. Inform the police that your house will be empty. They can keep watch on it and try the doors and windows at regular intervals.
3. Take with you or lock securely all jewelry, silverware, furs, valuable clothing and other articles easily converted into cash by a thief.
4. Be sure to suspend all deliveries, such as milk, papers, mail. A heap of newspapers or milk bottles on a porch are sure signs that a house is unoccupied.

In view of the increasing widespread threat of the burglary hazard to property local citizens should take extra precautions at this time of the year. That is the most effective way they can aid crime control in the community.

SIX STEPS TO RUIN

Unless the constantly widening gap between government income and outgo is closed, writes Roger W. Babson, one of the outstanding American economists, six financially ruinous consequences will result:

- "First continued deficits ultimately lead to fear of government credit.
- "Secondly, unsound public credit means unwillingness to lend the government money to pay its bills.
- "Third, the treasury is forced to print paper money to pay its deficits.
- "Fourth, the paper money falls like a meteor in value as prices shoot sky-high.
- "Fifth, the buying power of salaries, wages, savings accounts, insurance policies, and bonds drops to practically nothing.
- "Sixth, the ruined, starving middle-class take the reins of government by force to bring order out of chaos."

Mr. Babson does not think it too late to put the government's financial house in order but quick action is essential. On a per-person basis Federal expenses since 1890 have increased from \$2 to \$56 a year. The average American family of five has an income of \$1,700. It owes its share of the soaring debt, \$1,375. In addition to owing this debt it must pay \$275 annually in Federal taxes alone. Only an aggressive public demand for retrenchment and a balanced budget can save us from the "six steps to ruin" Mr. Babson describes.

BELIEVING IN SIGNS

If we are to believe the great Cicero "the world was so made that certain signs came before certain events." Since the beginning of time men have wisely copied Nature by putting up their own signs. Thus when there are signs of a weather disturbance the government and the newspapers hoist their signs so that the public may know that tomorrow will bring stormy weather, or snow, or the day to put on a straw hat. "We Drivers" is a booklet that is familiar to a million or two drivers in a small illustration it shows signs that every motorist is familiar with. The accompanying text says that no matter how many times the warnings prove unnecessary that the records show that "people who drive thousands of miles every year, and obey the signs" are pretty likely to look forward to sending back a message, "arrived safe after a pleasant trip."

Here are a few of the signs to believe in: "Curve", "steep hill", "intersection", "school, go slow", "soft shoulders", "railroad, 500 feet ahead", "slippery when wet". Read all the warnings and keep out of the hospital.



Few Laws Invalidated

DURING THE CENTURY AND A HALF OF ITS EXISTENCE, AUTHORITIES ESTIMATE, CONGRESS HAS ENACTED APPROXIMATELY 25,000 PUBLIC LAWS.

Of those 25,000, they compute, fewer than 75 have been declared unconstitutional at this writing. That means less than three out of a thousand—approximately three-tenths of 1 per cent.

On the score of constitutionality a baseball writer, with these statistics, would give congress a batting average of .997.

There are several reasons for this scoring. First: Congress, throughout its long history, has sought to keep its acts within the Constitution.

Question Must Be Raised.

Second: No final decision is ever made on the constitutionality of a law until a person, or group of persons, feel that the law violates a constitutional right, and ask the Supreme court to act as umpire in the case. And, as history shows, the Supreme court has been reluctant to outlaw congressional acts.

Consistently the court has decided that every presumption is in favor of the validity of an act of congress. It has explained that if an act can possibly be interpreted in such a way as to render it valid, even though another possible interpretation would render it invalid, the former interpretation will rule to assure the will of congress its fullest possible effect within constitutional limits.

Here are the actual words of the court in one case:

"It is elementary when the constitutionality of a statute is assailed, if the statute be reasonably susceptible of two interpretations by one of which it would be unconstitutional and by the other valid, it is our plain duty to adopt that construction which will save the statute from constitutional infirmity."

Can't Act on Own Volition.

And in another: "The section, if so construed, would, at least, raise a grave and doubtful constitutional question. Under the settled practice, a construction which does so will not be adopted where some other is open to us."

That the court cannot act on the constitutionality of a law on its own volition or on the mere request of authorities has been established by its own decisions.

A notable instance occurred when an act of congress attempted to give the Supreme court power on appeal to decide suits which might be brought against the United States in the court of claims by certain Cherokee Indians solely to determine the validity of any act affecting their lands, passed after a certain date.

Proceedings were begun under this act, but the Supreme court decided that it had no constitutional authority to render an opinion. Under the Constitution, it held, the court has power to determine the validity of congressional legislation only when a "case" or "controversy" is brought before it, by contending parties.

Source of Court's Right.

"The right to declare a law unconstitutional," explained the court, "arises because an act of congress relied upon by one or the other of such parties in determining their rights is in conflict with the fundamental law. The exercise of this, the most important and delicate duty of this court, is not given to it as a body with revisory power over the action of congress, but because the rights of the litigants in justiciable controversies require the court to choose between the fundamental law and a law purporting to be enacted within constitutional authority, but in fact beyond the power delegated to the legislative branch of the government."

On an earlier occasion—in 1793—the secretary of state asked the Supreme court to advise the executive department as to the construction of treaties, laws of nations, and the laws of the land, which, he said, were often presented under circumstances that "do not give a cognizance of them to the tribunals of the country." Chief Justice Jay replied that the Constitution did not confer such power upon the court.

On at least one occasion the Supreme court decided that an act was unconstitutional after a President had expressed his conviction that it was unconstitutional. President Taft vetoed a measure on the grounds that the Constitution did not give congress the authority assumed in the measure. Congress, however, passed the bill over the presidential veto. Eventually the act came before the Supreme court in a lawsuit, and the court decided that congress was right.

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Soil Barren 20 Years Is Saved
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Deadline For New Drivers License 30th

All motor vehicle drivers' licenses expire June 30th of this year, according to an announcement from the secretary of state.

Those who have reached the age of 70 years, those who have acquired any physical handicaps which might affect their driving ability, and those who are applying for a driver's license for the first time must all complete the driver's license examination, states Wm. Hammond, head of the operators division.

The department is anticipating the recording of the greatest number of licenses known in the history of the state. This is based on the increased registration of motor vehicles, non-resident visitors, and the many who have recently taken up residence in this state.

Arrangements are being made to accept applications by May 15th in order that the tremendous rush and jam might be avoided. Special attention during this early period will also be given to those who have reached the age of 70 or are otherwise required to take the full examination, and the department is pointing out the convenience of applying early for license renewals. Straight renewals upon approved forms may be had by mailing the completed form together with the \$1 fee direct to the Secretary of State.

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