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THE JAPS GET SCANT WELCOME HERE!

Although people of the northwest are sick and tired of waterfront disputes and picketing, there's one parade of protesters which has met with public approval and an inner sense of justification on the part of most of us—the Chinese picketing of ships waiting to load scrapiron for Japan.

Owners and shippers of the metal, of course, are not among those sympathetic toward the blockade. The interruption is costing them money and, after all, when something costs money, what matters it if scrapiron might be made into bullets and bombs? Somebody, you know, will sell Japan the stuff if we don't, so why not take part in the scramble for profits while they are to be had?

Deep down, however, most people gain a satisfaction from the determination of the Chinese to publicly protest against the selling of war materials to conquering Tokyo.

The easy effectiveness of the Chinese picketing at Marshfield, Astoria and Portland demonstrates that the people of this country are entirely sympathetic with the Oriental victims of the murderous war of aggression and are incurably prejudiced against the Japanese. Else how could a dozen frail little Chinese children keep crews of husky longshoremen from their work?

The longshoremen, like the rest of us, don't like the taste of loading war materials to be used in inhuman slaughter of an honest and cultured people.

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OBESITY IN GOVERNMENT!

Tangible evidence of how citizens have permitted government to spread its enveloping and expensive functions is contained in a state planning board report just compiled.

From a mere 10 administrative agencies in 1859, Oregon has seen a bureau boom result in the present total of 130 separate regulatory and licensing departments.

It would appear that Frankensteins are easily created and seldom conquered; that we are inescapably entrenched in a governmental one-way rut. More bureaus, more commissions, more duplication and more expense—and on we go until state government staggers from its own weight.

The best governed people are the least governed and, it follows, overgovernment defeats its own purpose. Oregon needs to go on a reducing diet.

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IT'S ALWAYS EASIER TO DROP FANTASTIC CHARGES THAN TO PROVE THEM!

As far as can be determined from this distance, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins has been wronged more than wrong.

It was but a few weeks ago that huge headlines blazoned forth that impeachment proceedings were being pushed against her for alleged "communistic" leanings. The other day, in small type, newspapers carried an account of how all but one member of 25 on a house judiciary committee favor throwing out the charges against Madame Perkins.

And there lies the great risk of public service. Any lame-brained, leather-lunged politician can get box-car banners on the front page by trumping up elaborate charges, but the denouement always is shunted into the oblivion of inside pages and inconspicuous headlines.

The political damage is done in the accusing, whether backed by fact or just hope. Ma Perkins, as the first woman cabinet member, has been persecuted more than were the suffragettes of 20 years ago.

Time, however, will shame the silly charges made against her. Truth is a persistent thing, and will come out. Perspective changed a nation's impression of Lincoln from one of hatred and distrust to one of reverence.

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DEMOCRACY!

Of all the despicable, low-minded tricks of man, perhaps the maneuver of Jew-baiting is the cheapest. Yet, unfortunately, fanning hatred against the sons of Israel is one of the easiest forms of gathering together a following of unthinking, simple-minded people with easy passions.

In Germany the bestial cruelty of such action has been demonstrated, and in America, too, the seeds of misery are being resown by bund organizations, radio priests and others who desire attention at somebody else's expense.

For some reason deeply rooted in many people, a natural distrust and suspicion exists against Hebrews. Probably based on ignorance of and unfamiliarity with Jews, such attitudes are the products of minds given to quick conclusions.

Too, the Jew himself has contributed some of the material from which antagonism is woven. But as to how much responsibility he is a matter of opinion.

This country of ours—so the school books and Fourth of July orators say—was founded on the principle that all men were created free and equal. Whether or not that is true, such an ideal is a fine thing to cleave to. The better traditions of our democracy do not call for racial discriminations and persecutions, although we have suffered a shameful number of outbursts of stupid hysteria.

If America is the land of the free and the home of the brave, then the present generation has an unusually significant era in which to prove it.

LETTERS to the Editor

COMPENSATING CONTRACT CLAUSE

To the Editor: Economists, financiers and bankers agree that periods of deflation and inflation are inevitable. They believe, however, that the evils might be mitigated by expanding the control of the major banks over money, thereby increasing the super-power the banks already have over the destiny of the public.

Sound money is money of invariable value, claims of proponents of the present system to the contrary notwithstanding. Unless a dollar is of the same relative purchase value at time it is used to pay a debt as it was when the debt was incurred, it is not a sound dollar and one or the other party to the contract must be cheated.

The general public, as a rule, demands cheap money while the banker and financier, as a rule, demand dear money, while the present conditions of violently shifting money values is exactly what the gambler wishes to see continued—and from a material aspect, it is advisable for everyone to major in gambling.

Such advice is not predicated upon moral grounds, nor was the rope and gun law of the frontier precisely moral, but until conditions could otherwise be corrected, there was no alternative. The better elements strove for and attained a condition of law and order which automatically extinguished the rule of gun.

The moralist, without doubt, makes up the vast proportion of the better element today and he should borrow moral fortitude from the pioneers and, at least, eliminate the condition that forces all of us to be involuntary gamblers.

Every act that involves barter and exchange with unsound money or any investment with limited capital constitutes a risk that is 100 per cent gamble and we should frankly teach gambling in our schools or abolish the factor that makes involuntary gamblers out of all of us.

To institute a new and efficient

monetary system providing money of permanent value is, perhaps, too much to expect at this time. However, there is no reason why the better element of society, which embraces the vast majority, should not eliminate the most vicious factor in our gambler's system of money. To accomplish this, a simple expedient would suffice. All that is necessary is to make mandatory what may be called a "compensating contract clause," in all contracts of whatever nature which should read somewhat as follows:

Liquidation of both interest and principal of this contract shall be made upon the basis of money value as related to the average price index as of the date this contract is entered into.

Under this simple clause it would not make any difference whether inflation or deflation followed making of contract, whether the current value of money was high or low when liquidated, such liquidation would be made by payment of dollars of purchasing value at time contract was made irrespective of whether it required more or less dollars numerically than was originally involved. In other words, this would liquidate in terms of value received instead of in terms of a certain number of dollars bearing no relation whatever to such values.

Such arrangement would permit business to function without involving a postgraduate course in gambling, and it would, moreover, have a modifying effect in the fluctuation of money value. It would not give us absolutely sound money but it would remove the offense against moral concept now inseparable from our money. It would permit us to live and be a part of society without the uncertainty of a gambler's career.

J. A. COOMES.

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OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

SOME comments on Chamberlain's umbrella: One was that he is all wet anyway and an English actress sojourning in America asserts that it is an indication of a timid character. Anybody qualified to negotiate European treaties shouldn't be afraid of a little rain. Walter Winchell says the famous bumbershoot conceals a tear gas bomb.

Then there's the story told that at the Munich conference Hitler and Chamberlain developed a high personal regard for each other and der Führer asked for some gift as a memento. Chamberlain was stumped until Hitler suggested the umbrella. "No," replied Chamberlain, "that's mine."

The London representative of an American automobile manufacturer reports that a model of their machine when closed was proof against poison gas. The machine was tested in a gas chamber and the result was attained by using filters on the standard air conditioning system.

And 1500 of the "wigwag" type of air raid shelters have been distributed in the working class section of London with instructions that the foundations be buried three feet underground. But what to do? ask the workmen. Their small courtyards are paved with concrete.

The Syeloff, a Russian government icebreaker, became imbedded in a floe and has drifted to within 275 miles of the north pole just as Nansen's Fram did, only closer than any ship has before. The crew refused the offer of rescue by airplane, figuring to stay with the drift until it breaks up some time later in the spring, probably someplace near Greenland. After considering the above tribulations of life in Europe, being frozen in the ice up near the north pole should be a pleasant retreat.

Peru hasn't had a census since 1876, but they're getting ready to take one.

Madison, Wis., merchants distribute windshield stickers throughout their trade area. These cards entitle the rural inhabitants to special parking privileges while shopping and tourists in Tacoma, Wash., are handed a card to be stuck under the windshield wiper which invites them to park as long as they please and disregard the time limit. We know of a town that could copy the plans with profit.

And here you are, girls—the airlines for the first time have been forced to advertise for hostesses. Partly because the average of them marry within a year. However, there's a catch to it. You must be single, between 21 and 26 years old and a trained nurse. Only five per cent of the applicants have all of these qualifications.

Don't Let Worry Get You Down

This is the time of year when plenty of besets many businessmen... income... ing time... extra expense... many problems to be met and solved. How are able to strike a bright note—we one worry off your mind that needn't you further—our Oregon Mutual Finance policies are adequate, safe, reliable. **THEY SAVE YOU MONEY!** Oregon Dividend Policies save you as much fourth regular premium costs, yet the best of protection and faster adjustment service! If insurance is one of your feel free to ask us for pointers and tions. And when buying a new car, we can **SAVE YOU MONEY** on your ance costs. For insurance, always

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