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The Bonus Question

THE best thing said about the veterans bonus was the remark made by President Roosevelt some time ago:

"I don't see how, as a matter of practical sense, a government running behind two billion dollars annually can consider the anticipation of bonus payments until it has a balanced budget, not only on paper, but with a surplus in the treasury."

That comprises the anti-bonus argument in a nut shell. It disposes of every argument in favor of the bonus at this time, including the popular but specious one, that as long as the government is throwing so many millions around, it might as well add a couple of billions more.

The millions being "thrown around" are, of course, for relief. The bonus bill would not be for relief—it would go to all veterans alike, those in want and those not in want.

More than that. Giving two billions to the veterans at this time could not help but decrease the funds available for those in need, or if the latter funds were held constant, seriously threaten the credit of the United States.

It was undoubtedly because of this fact, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau recently opposed the bonus payment at this time, UNLESS the funds to provide it were supplied by special taxation.

THE positions taken by the President and his Secretary of the Treasury appeal to us, as entirely statesmanlike and sound. The bonus as promised by the government to the veterans of the World War should be paid, and will be paid, eventually.

But it should NOT be paid NOW. It should not be paid until the present serious emergency, financial and economic, has passed, and conditions at least approach those which existed when the promise was made.

Just Politics

Now we are regarded as the only sensible view to take of the bonus payment at the present time.

These views, we believe, that this view is shared by a vast majority of the members of the congress in Washington.

But will a majority vote as they really think? Not in a hundred years. They will play politics with this issue, as they play politics,—particularly just before an election—with every important issue.

Their ruling motive is not what is best for their country, but what is best for themselves politically,—what will bring them, or lose them votes. The veterans vote is one of the largest blocs in the country, and not one practical politician out of a thousand, coming up for reelection, will take the chance of arousing the opposition of this formidable and well organized minority, or any other minority.

That is why we have minority government. And that is why this Patman bonus bill was passed in both houses, with full knowledge it would be vetoed by the President.

The present congress passed the buck to the President, just as former congresses on the same issue passed the buck to Presidents Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. They got the credit for favoring the bill, and the President had to shoulder the blame for opposing it.

WHETHER or not history will repeat itself, and the Patman measure will be passed over the President's veto remains to be seen. The most reliable dope from Washington is the effort to secure the necessary two-thirds in the Senate will fail.

If so it will fail, not because the payment of the bonus is inadvisable at this time, but because of the inflationary feature of the present bill.

What then? Again, according to the "inside dope," another bonus measure without the inflationary provision will be presented, and the drive will start all over again.

It is also maintained that this measure will receive White House support which, if true, will mean of course its passage.

We hope this report is incorrect, unless the new bill should follow out the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury.

If President Roosevelt should go back on his original statement concerning the immediate bonus payment, he will certainly disappoint thousands of his earnest supporters and loyal friends.

Oregonian to Support Martin

THERE are foment and ferment of a recall movement against Governor Martin. Not until next July can petitions for a recall be circulated, but the promoters, or some of them, are making their mutterings audible. Such designs ought to be abandoned. The governor has done nothing to justify a recall movement against him. If carried through on the basis of anything that has happened up to now it would be only a spite recall.

The newspaper, which did not support Governor Martin for election, thinks he is giving a competent and worthy administration. If he is brusque at times and fails to follow the language of diplomacy in some of his dealings with groups, he is also sincere and honest. To threaten recall of an official merely because he supports his own policies bluntly is to abuse and prostitute the recall weapon.

It is said the governor alienated the grange leaders by opposing some of their lobbying methods before the legislature and by vetoing the power transmission bill. That measure was so plainly mistaken and superfluous, in view of the declared federal policy to attend to transmission, as well as generation, of power, that the people of the state ought to be grateful to the governor for saving them a vast, unnecessary expense. We believe most of them will take that view of it. It is said labor leaders are displeased with the governor because of his advocacy of the new law to authorize the use of state police to maintain order in strike crises. But a glance backward to a year ago, with the disorders that Portland saw, justifies that measure fully. Old age pension advocates are said to oppose the governor because they think he is not sufficiently liberal in his ideas for social legislation. Yet he is already contemplating a special session of the legislature to enact state laws in harmony with similar federal legislation when that is completed.

The Oregonian, holding no position as champion of Governor Martin, will nevertheless oppose his recall on the flimsy grounds thus far set out by complainants against him. It thinks those complainants should forego their efforts without making the issue.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to disease diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. Reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

GET YOUR VITAMINS BUT DON'T LET VITAMINS GET YOU

It is not of great practical interest to the ordinary individual that deprivation of vitamin A causes xerophthalmia and night blindness, of B beriberi, of C scurvy, or of D rickets, or of E pellagra, for he is not likely to suffer from these grave nutritional diseases. But it does interest him when he learns that even when the diet is adequate in fuel value (calories) and reasonably well balanced (in proportion of protein, fat carbohydrate) it may still be deficient in one or more of the vitamins which are essential to maintain the highest degree of health and vigor, and that many minor ailments and some serious chronic troubles are partly or entirely due to such hitherto unconsidered shortages.

The preservation of the characteristics of youth is the phrase used by McCollum and Simmonds to describe the better-than-average nutritional condition produced and maintained through an extended portion of the life cycle by the more liberal use of "the protective foods," that is, foods which contain the vitamins in greater amount. And Sherman adds that it is probable that (with humans) liberality of intake of calcium and of vitamins A, C and G are all factors in the attainment and maintenance of this superior condition of nutrition and positive health. From animal experiments Sherman and Ellis concluded that an optimal ration of vitamin G (more than is necessary to maintain health) extends the period between attainment of maturity and onset of senility. This, in more familiar words, means prolongation of youth.

Sherman has reached a similar conclusion in respect to vitamin A and C, that is to say a more liberal supply of these vitamins than is necessary merely to prevent xerophthalmia and night blindness or scurvy, promotes a superior state of health and vigor, and this is what I mean by an "optimal vitamin ration." More vitamins than the majority of individuals get from their food, especially when they have no knowledge of vitamins and take no thought to include the "protective" foods in their menus.

Nelson (Agriculture Dept., Bureau of Chemistry of Soils) estimated that a person who eats an egg a day gets all the vitamin D he needs even if he takes no other food containing it. But Barnion (Canadian Pub. Health Jour.) showed that the vitamin D content of egg yolk depends on the amount of exposure of the hen to sunlight or ultra-violet rays from artificial sources and upon the amount of vitamin D in the feed of the fowl. While an egg a day might be sufficient to prevent rickets, our present knowledge certainly does not warrant the arbitrary assertion that an egg a day will furnish sufficient vitamin D to prevent asthma, say, or any of the various vague disturbances of health which may be due in part to insufficient vitamin D. Indeed, we are only beginning to learn about the numerous under-par conditions which are due to partial deficiencies in the vitamins and are best remedied by an optimal ration of vitamins.

Vitamins occur in nature always in combinations of two or more, never singly. Clinical experience has established the practice of administering all of the vitamins wherever there is reason to assume a shortage of one or more, and we should work hard to get them more effectively than when isolated.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Vitamin Physiology
What is the value of vitamin B? What foods furnish it? Is it available in medicinal form? How much of it should one get daily for maintaining perfect health? (T. A. B.)
Answer—It is anti-neuritic and necessary for normal digestion and assimilation and tone of musculature of alimentary tract. Many foods contain it naturally, but often it is removed or destroyed in preparation, refinement, but ordinary cooking does not destroy it. Leafy vegetables, tubers and root vegetables, fruits, grains, peas, beans, liver are good sources. We do not know how much is necessary to maintain health. One is not likely to get too much vitamin in food or from natural food sources. More detailed information in booklet, "Building Vitality," for copy and time stamped addressed envelope.

Basement Life
I have been living in a steam-heated English basement for two years. Many friends tell me basements are always damp and unhealthy. I have a daughter 8 and a baby 11 months old. Do you advise me to move out of the basement? (Mrs. H. W.)
Ans.—Not if you are comfortable there. The notion that "all basements are damp and unhealthy" is just a notion. Just see that the children get their share of sunshine.

The Shark's Tale
My dentist never sterilizes his instruments and often goes from one patient to another without doing more than wipe off his instruments. Is there danger of infection? (J. G. G.)
Ans.—Danger? It is practically certain that the filthy man carries infection from one victim to the next. But what do you expect when you patronize quack dentists? (Copyright, 1935, John F. Dille Co.)

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Boston just tore in, scratched at my shoe and fairly pleaded to be followed. He led into a bathroom where a tub I had started to fill and neglected was overflowing.

These second hand books stores with sidewalk tables on 4th avenue in the 20's are serene havens for friendly browsers and the beguiling bibliophile. One might see there the late poet, Edwin Arlington Robinson, treading in a sort of tip-toe hush. Christopher Morley is an occasional visitor. So is the eminent Dr. Rosenbach. Sometimes in the manner of accidentally kicking up a nugget along a well traveled gully a treasure is uncovered. Proprietors remain always in the background. Usually one has to hunt them out to transact a sale. They are as grounded in books, modern and classic as the most astute librarians, and their talking and they can tell you more about authors and their outputs than the best catalog.

Second hand book shop men are not good salesmen. They may barter the works of Elmer Goin, Ruby Ayres et al. but you have to dig around to find them. The books they prominently display are the excellent works of those so often neglected. One this afternoon tried to suggest Santanya without appearing commercial. He seemed a mite crestfallen when I chose a chance I have had never read. No other merchants in the metropolis offer such simplicity. Life has gently shrouded them into these crepuscular niches and, one imagines, they are supremely content.

The theatrical custom of camouflaging age is absolutely incurable. No one is immune. In 20 years of

Dogs cannot reason note: The elder

RELIEVE PERIODIC PAIN

THIS medicine eases periodic pain and discomfort. It makes long days endurable. Mrs. Garcia, Burnett of Scott City, Kansas, says: "I had such cramps I could hardly stand on my feet. I had severe headaches, dizziness and blue spells. Your Tablets helped me wonderfully." Sold at all drug stores. Chocolate coated. Total size only 25 cents.

rather intimate association with the theater, out front as a critic and back stage as a press agent, I have not found a single exception to the rule to shave off the years. Even people who quit the stage for other callings are inoculated with the deceptions. The actor will never be more than 39. Or the actress 32. Forty is deadly. John Drew was always 38. The deception is not altogether a livelihood depends on maintaining a low mark. Producers are vastly influenced by years. They want youth because the public wants it.

Thingumabobs; Doug Fairbanks, Jr., fed up with London, is sighing for Hollywood. Basil Durant, once a dancing man, is a crack pistol shot. Faith Baldwin sneaks off for a hamburger with onions when nobody is looking. Arnold Reuben, delicatessen man, has not been to bed before 9 a. m. for 18 years. Nicholas Murray Butler got the same soaring introduction from Bus Keland as other guests of honor at the Dutch Treat. Damon Runyon, who doesn't care for Gene Tunney, has written some of the finest pieces about his prowess. Al Jolson buys six lounging robes at a crack. Ely Culbertson has made a million out of bridge.

A roaming mahatma was hot geyling in high arch from the tail of a banjo-torched car in Union Square. He saw the current civilization in the ash-can and ready to be dumped. His voice thundered to an echo and then trembled to a whisper with: "And there isn't a man among you with guts enough to offer resistance." At this a passing cop gave him an over the shoulder thumb jerk and he jumped down to the street and slouched meekly away.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
If you are interested in politics, and more particular in the ways of politicians, here are three interesting headlines:

"Senate John. House in Voting for Cash Payment of Bonus"
"Promote of Veto Falls to Deter New Money Plan."
"Vote of 85 to 33 For Short of Unfavorable Action by President."

The answer is quite simple. They mean that the senate doesn't propose to let the house get away with the bonus vote at the next election. Senators, you know, have to be elected, the same as congressmen, and it takes votes to ELECT.

But the senate is scared of the effect of a PAPER MONEY bonus, which means DIRECT inflation with all its dangerous accompaniments. So it passes the bonus bill by a majority, but NOT a majority large enough to overthrow the Presidential veto, which is expected.

The reasoning of the senators who voted for the paper money bonus bill runs like this:
"We'll pass the bonus bill and let the President veto it, thus letting him take the rap instead of us, because we need the votes worse than he does."

Senators have to be practical politicians, or they wouldn't be where they are, and that's the way practical politicians look at such things.

How about the bonus? Is it right or wrong?

Well, in the probably unimportant opinion of this humble writer, if we're going to throw money rights and left with both hands, as the New Dealers insist on doing, we can find no better place to throw it than to the veterans.

The Patman bill, which has passed both houses, provides for paying the bonus with new paper money—printing press money, fiat money, IOU money, whatever you choose to call it.

It will take two billion dollars—which, as everyone knows, is mere wet pocket change in these piping New Deal days. So we come to this question:

Will two billion dollars of new paper money bring on disastrous inflation, sending prices killing sky-high and making the dollar in your pocket—or your paycheck—of so little value that it will do you relatively little good?

PROBABLY not. If we could stop with two billion dollars, we should not be greatly hurt. But the process of paying government's bills with printing press money is so easy, so painless, that few governments have been able to resist the temptation, or the pressure, to GO ON paying their bills that way.

There's where the danger lies.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune of 10 and 20 Years Ago).

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
May 9, 1925
(It was Saturday)
Executive committee of the Jackson County Game and Fish Protective association, favor referendum on game commission money, and more fish in Rogue river.

Voters are urged to visit both the P. & E. and the Holly street sites for the new high school, and vote as they deem best. Move started to "unmask the better site committee."

Secretary of Interior Work, "urges more settlers for coast areas."

Hood River swept by \$200,000 fire. Thunder and lightning storm plays over the valley, with some hail in the Central Point district.

THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY
May 9, 1915
(It was Thursday)

No other incident in the great war has stirred the tongues and patriotism of Medford citizens, as the sinking of the Lusitania. The fact that Mrs. Dorothy Connor of this city was a passenger on the ill fated liner has stirred the anti-German feeling.

Strawberries are plentiful, except in restaurant strawberry shortcake.

Correction: The "King Solomon mine" mentioned in this paper yesterday, should have been the "Success of Bronze" mine.

Three carloads of valley horses were shipped last night, and will be sent to Europe for service on battlefields.

Governor Withycomb has fixed Thursday, May 20, as "Good Roads Day."

Silence veils President Wilson's policy on sinking of the Lusitania. Too proud to fight speech meets with unfavorable reaction throughout land, as patriotism surges high.

DRIVE IN FOR LUMBER AT BIG PINES LUMBER CO. PHONE ONE

WASH OUT 15 MILES OF KIDNEY TUBES

Win Back Pop... Vigor... Vitality
Medical authorities agree that every man and woman contains 15 MILES of tiny tubes called filters which help to purify the blood and keep you healthy.

If you have trouble with too frequent bladder passages with every movement, burning and discomfort, the 15 MILES of kidney tubes need washing out. This danger signal may be the beginning of serious backache, leg pains, loss of pep and vitality, getting up nights, lumbago, swollen feet and ankles, rheumatic pains and distress.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any there be, why said first and final account should not be approved by the Court, said estate be decreed to be fully settled, a decree made for distribution of said estate to the persons entitled thereto, and said administratrix discharged from her trust.

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ELIZABETH BATES, Administratrix of the Estate of Martha J. Gore, deceased

A Sensational REMOVAL SALE Starts Saturday! SEE FRIDAY'S TRIBUNE

UNION PACIFIC R. R. PAYS \$1.50 DIVIDEND
NEW YORK, May 9.—(AP)—Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. today declared a dividend of \$1.50 on the common stock payable July 1 to stock of record June 1. Similar dividends have been paid in previous quarters.