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"Passing Strange!"

What has become of that protest from Southern Oregon to the Interstate Commerce Commission, against taking off the one through train we have to California?

This query, by a subscriber, is what the Mail Tribune would like to know, too.
 For two days now we have been keeping the wires rather warm between here and Washington, in an effort to get the low-down, but for some strange reason none has been forthcoming.

TWICE it has been reported to this paper the Interstate Commerce Commission never received the protest; three times that while the protest was received it was not presented in the proper form and therefore disregarded, and a few moments ago for the fourth time, we are informed that whether the protest was received or wasn't, the Interstate Commerce Commission has no jurisdiction.

WHY hasn't it jurisdiction?
 The answer to that is, the I.C.C. has no jurisdiction regarding railroad service unless BOTH passenger and freight services are involved.

Does that mean the S. P., or any other railroad, can do AS IT PLEASES with its PASSENGER service, and the travelling public has no protection,—for all agree that if the I.C.C. refuses to give relief no other judicial body can.

That question has been put up directly to the Interstate Commerce Commission but still no answer. It is "PASSING STRANGE!"

Dr. Goebbels Is Right

There IS something new under the sun. Yesterday Dr. Goebbels told the German people the truth.

We quote:
 "If Germany wins this war she wins everything. If she loses the war she loses all!"

That isn't the whole truth, but it is true. The whole truth would add this solemn warning:

"But Germany CAN'T win; therefore, the sooner Germany kicks out Hitler, and sues for peace, the better for Germany and the better for the world and all concerned."

THERE is the true situation,—at least as this department views it Germany CAN'T win!
 She may be able to keep going for some time, but with two-thirds of the man power and the resources of the world, against her, a knock-out victory is impossible.

And a knock-out victory by Germany is essential to any real victory FOR Germany.

Truman Committee Is Too

There was also some truth-telling in Washington yesterday by the Truman committee, but because it wasn't pleasant reading, it failed to receive the prominence it deserved.

We quote one of the least discouraging paragraphs:

"Carelessness and inefficiency have already cost us a great deal and, if continued, can cost us much more, even though in the long run we will win the war because of the sheer extent of our resources.
 "Prospects for future airplane production are not too good and radical changes in methods must be made to meet the military demand.
 "Apparently, there never has been and is not now any real planned and coordinated program for the production of aircraft.
 "Our services (the army and navy) have merely purchased what the manufacturers had to offer instead of planning to use available facilities to produce what they needed at maximum capacity.
 "Always * * * extremely reluctant to accept and develop new ideas, the army and navy have been tardy in adopting multiple machine guns, bullet-proof gasoline tanks, modern gun turrets and other war-time aviation developments."

This fits in very well with what has been remarked previously in this column, namely: that while ultimate victory is as certain as anything in this uncertain world CAN be; the less we indulge in wishful thinking and the less we refuse to tell the truth and face it, the quicker that victory will be obtained, and the less it will cost in money and in lives.

Seeing Only One Side

Here is another brief exhibit along the wishful thinking line:

"The flaming muzzles of McArthur's guns, shouting grim defiance at Japanese invaders of Luzon, are sounding a message for American ears, as thrilling as the defense of Wake Island, in the otherwise sombre war symphony in the Pacific."

And the composer, Mr. Kirk L. Simpson, A.P. military expert, goes on to paint a picture of a modern Horatio at the bridge, gallantly and courageously holding back the pagan foe so the allies may save Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

Now that is true enough,—and General MacArthur's stand undoubtedly will go down in American history as one of the most courageous and inspiring episodes of this war or any other war, BUT,—the point we make, is the danger lurking in thus painting ONLY ONE side of the picture, and that the pleasing one.

On the other side, here is a gallant but outnumbered American force, without air support, with no way of getting material aid or reinforcements, (or apparently even a rescue like Dunkirk) and because of these facts doomed, barring a miracle, to defeat. By all means let us lose sight of no silver linings, but let us also not overlook the clouds that make them!

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 here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

NORMAL AND ABNORMAL DIZZINESS

A correspondent says he is subject to dizziness upon rising quickly from bed or upon straightening up from a stooped position. He asks whether he needs a physical examination by the physician and says he is otherwise in perfect health so far as he knows.
 The correspondent omits some essential facts and so it is more difficult to offer even a good guess about it. He omits to mention his age, height and weight. He omits to mention whether the dizziness has occurred only recently or more or less always. He omits to tell anything about his habits, his occupation, whether he uses any kind of medicine.



Dr. Brady

If he were a patient consulting me one of the first things I'd want to know is whether he could roll a somersault on the floor without becoming unduly flustered.
 Any one this side of 75 who can't roll a somersault or two on the floor at any time without getting visibly upset is a mollycoddle and as such, I suppose, naturally entitled to have a collection of symptoms always on tap when there is a doctor around.

A standard textbook on Diagnosis mentions about 85 disease conditions in which dizziness occurs more or less frequently. But this is a health column and we'll leave the consideration of abnormal or pathological dizziness to physicians. Our concern is merely with what we may call normal vertigo or dizziness which any healthy person may have.
 In the first place a good many individuals who have good health, or as good as they ever have had or ever will have, but who are of "asthenic" or weak build, constitution, type, or a bit flabby and soft, not in fit physical condition poor "tone," are especially subject to such dizziness as the correspondent describes. Usually such individuals owe their general lack of fitness, resiliency or vite in part to nutritional deficiency and in part to neglect of physical education or training.

Many individuals become dizzy or have a sudden vertigo from irritation of the inner ear structure, the labyrinth, by an accumulation of hardened cerumen or wax in the outer ear canal, or by syringing the ear

missions will have difficulty keeping their shelves full and they may decide to increase prices to balance the lost business. In Oregon, for instance, profits of the liquor board are devoted to relief, so there will be less money available for that purpose.
 Some of this reduction in revenue will come swiftly, others more leisurely. Gas taxes will drop off noticeably next fall and truck and passenger car registration fees next year, the decrease starting by the coming summer. Change in the liquor business comes because of the great demand for alcohol for war purposes, and the alky will be distilled from corn, rye, sugar and molasses. There is no shortage of sugar, but the distilleries will require thousands of tons. The prohibition agent in the house office building at the national capital considers it a victory, but the administration does not intend another period of national prohibition with all the crime that went with it. (Maryland bootleggers are operating stills within sight of the capitol dome).

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Tax Problem May Mean Extra Meets

Higher Payroll Tax For Employers

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Developments in the tax problems may cause the legislatures of northwest states to meet in extraordinary session. Policies of price fixing administration, the office of transportation, of OPM, SPAB and other government agencies are certain to reduce revenues of the states in 1942 and also next year—probably even more next year.
 In the first place, the curtailment of new passenger automobiles will gradually decrease the traffic. This will cut down the income received from annual registration of vehicles. In turn, this will reduce the sale of gasoline and thereby cause loss of revenue from gas taxes.
 Commercial trucks will gradually decrease (no new trucks permitted after March) and as the old trucks go to pieces they will no longer be a license asset to states, which will also lose gasoline taxes.

Booze To Rise

Sixty percent of the capacity of all distilleries will this month be devoted to the manufacture of industrial alcohol (190 proof). This leaves approximately 40 percent to provide for the wants of the thirsty, plus reserves on hand. With such a reduction in supplies the state liquor com-

missioners will have difficulty keeping their shelves full and they may decide to increase prices to balance the lost business. In Oregon, for instance, profits of the liquor board are devoted to relief, so there will be less money available for that purpose.
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new taxes will be a headache. Of course, back of these payroll taxes is the intention of reducing the income of individuals, mustn't give the people too much money to spend in war time.

From the president down there has been opposition to a sales tax on a national scope, but congress may decide that a sales tax is required as a war emergency and not as a permanent policy. It will be, in a manner, double taxation in Washington and Idaho where a sales tax is now imposed, but Oregon has defeated every proposal for such an impost. However, both federal and state governments have placed a tax on gasoline and no one worried about it. As the talk now goes, instead of a blanket sales tax it may be selective, the prospective act specifying what shall be taxed and how much. The president is inclined to favor something like that for the duration and a few months thereafter. If a sales tax is not approved, it is a certainty that a manufacturer's tax will be applied, possibly one where the consumer pays the tax but the manufacturer collects it.

Map New Taxes

THIS week the ways and means committee started holding its sessions to work out a tax program. No one at this moment knows what the ultimate bill will be like, but all members of congress are positive on one point: a bill will be drafted that will bring in nine billion dollars of new money. Of this amount there is prospect of a sales tax of five percent bringing in one billion dollars.

Administration officials admit that the current income tax, to be applied on 1941 income, will fall hardest on the man who has been in debt during the long depression and is now trying to pull himself out. The present tax will also discourage private money from being used as what is known as "venture capital"—where a chance is taken on a good return, or a flop (like investing in a gold mine). Without exception, the warning is given that no one should take on obligations now that can not be met with cash; no running in debt, for it will take a long time to pay with the restrictions imposed by government and the general mess of the usual economics. The tax on 1941 income will be mild compared to the tax the people must face in 1943 on this year's income.

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

leaders have made it clear they will not arbitrate the closed shop issue. They will surrender their plants first.

The Kearny shipbuilding case, unsettled by the old board, will be one of the first cases to confront the new board, now that the navy has turned that plant back to private management.

Labor, on the other hand, expects arbitration. It notes the wording of Mr. Roosevelt's executive order, stating the board can fix its own rules for compulsory arbitration, and interprets this to mean the closed shop or anything else can be submitted to arbitration by a majority vote of the board.

Obviously someone is going to be disappointed.

THE tall tale that the army has discovered an enemy spy ring among the troops apparently is an imaginative outgrowth of the official disclosure that a counter-espionage system exists. Army has only picked up a few stray soldiers who did not look or sound right.

NAVY Secretary Knox implied the country would be agreeably surprised when the navy felt free to make public its sinkings of Nazi subs. Talk among navy personnel not by any means official is that about 100 axis subs have thus far hit the bottom for good, 30 in the Atlantic before the war actually began.

THE Dutch dropped nitroglycerine in the oil wells around Tarakan and the British have made a practice of arming civilians with axes to cut down rubber trees in front of the Jap advance, but no one here is confident that needy Japan will be

denied these essential war resources for very long. Many Dutch oil wells are expected to be out of commission six months at least, and it takes five years to grow a rubber tree. Yet assurances as to the extent of the damage are lacking.

It seems to be unanimous that Nathan Straus should resign as head of U. S. housing. His office force circulated a petition expressing some more or less affectionate regards in that direction. Straus had criticized other federal housing units so severely the USHA cannot get money from congress or cooperation from anyone in the government.

But, even in resignation, Mr. Straus may have been too strong. He submitted his resignation to the president in such critical terms as to have delayed its acceptance. His office force hears arrangements are under way for Mr. Straus to resign in much milder language.

THE brown cover handbook for air raid wardens from the office of civilian defense, January 5, said:

Fill your bath tubs with water before an air raid. But the mimeographed instructions from the local OCD for the metropolitan area advised (Jan. 2): Don't fill your bath tubs.

Local OCD says it fears a water shortage if everyone fills his tub while national OCD fears you would not have water if the main is cut.

Perplexed air raid wardens may fear there has been more confusion in OCD than La Guardia cared to admit.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 January 16, 1932
 (It was Sunday)
 National thrift week opens as prosperity return looms.

Winter weather prevails over entire Pacific coast. Rain or snow again predicted for valley with a high of 29, and a low

29 degrees. Heavy snow falls in Crater Lake park augur against early opening.

High school basketball team defeats Klamath Falls and Chiloquin on week-end trip.

Carpenter work to open soon on new court house.

Republicans charge democrats are using depression as a campaign issue.

Slush covers streets following a light snow; West Main street flooded.

Japanese retaliation takes high toll in Manchuria.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

January 16, 1922
 (It was Monday)
 John L. Lewis of the miners' union threatens wage war, if pay cut.

Rainfall .18 of an inch. Snow predicted. High 42, low 32. Snow falls in Portland. Icy roads in the Siskiyou. Skating dangerous on city reservoir, boys are warned.

Charles Chaplin in "The Idle Class" at the Page.

Ben C. Sheldon throws hat in ring for state senator.

E. C. Faber store at Central Point is robbed for second time in two months.

Bob Galligan, the Canadian war hero and newsboy, refuses to go to hospital with the flu.

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2 pounds	60c	Kraft Dinners	9c
Raisins, seedless	29c	Package	9c
4 lb. pkg.	29c	Salted Wafers	16c
Societe Gum	19c	Sta-Crisp, 2-lb. box	16c
Drops, 2 lbs.	19c	Graham Crackers	19c
Societe Chocolate	19c	Sta-Crisp, 2-lb. box	19c
Drops, 2 lbs.	19c	Noodles, made with	25c
Societe Mixed	19c	eggs, lb. pkg. 2 for	25c
Candy, 2 lbs.	19c	Jello, all flavors	25c
Peanuts,	25c	4 pkgs.	25c
2 lbs.	25c	Swift Evaporated	33c
Brazil Nuts	35c	Milk, 4 tall cans	33c
2 pounds	35c	Grapenuts or Grapenut	27c
M.D. Sanitary	39c	Wheat meal	27c
Napkins, 2 pkgs.	39c	2 pkgs.	27c
M.D. Toilet	97c	CRISCO	
Paper, 12 rolls	97c	3 lbs. 67c	6 lbs. \$1.33
Testex Toilet	17c	GLO COAT POLISH	
Paper, 3 rolls	17c	Pt. 59c	Qt. 98c
Tenderleaf BLACK TEA	43c	FLOUR	
1/4 lb. 23c 1/2 lb. 43c	43c	Flagstaff	\$1.69
Nucoa	47c	Hardwack	49-lb. sack
2 pounds	47c	Kitchen Queen	\$1.79
Bakers Cocoa	14c	49-lb. sack	
Pound	14c	Drifted Snow	\$2.09
P.&G. Laundry	25c	49-lb. sack	
Soap, 6 bars	25c	PAY CASH AND SAVE	
Palmolive	17c		
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