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Money and War Veterans

Yes the science of money—if it IS a science—is too much for the celebration facilities of this department.
And what would be true in normal times is superlatively true in war times.
There was a time when people talked of hundreds of THOUSANDS of dollars, then it was hundreds of MILLIONS—which caused a gasp—but now its hundreds of BILLIONS! Whew—what is a billion anyway!

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 11.—Mr. Roosevelt's announced program for the fourth term proposes compulsion as the answer to the most prominent pending war and post-war questions.
Not enough 4-Fs are going into war work. Compel them.
Not enough nurses are volunteering. Draft them.
Labor shortages exist in some few but important war lines. Give the president power to draft everyone for war work.

For future defense of the country, draft the youths for a year of training in army camps.
For 60,000,000 postwar jobs, let private enterprise be encouraged to furnish them, but let the government also furnish many by great public works (airfields, roads, new TVAs).

THE congressional reaction to these ideas was hesitant. The president was fresh from a successful election to a fourth term, with increased majorities in congress, yet the common calm congressional comment suggested only the 4-F draft would be authorized, probably a nurses draft would be included (if this scare does not work), but certainly a work draft would not be voted soon and the youth draft for peace might wait until peace for decision.

The postwar business program was rather generally approved and by congress as it comes along.
Why this resistance, largely silent and unexplained, to vital points of a program which is not new in any respect, the president having proclaimed himself for most of these things before? The answer is the average congressman is scared.

Opposition was crushed politically in the election, but the general reaction here even to that result was somewhat the same—hesitancy, silence, fear (of elements prominent in the reelection campaign).

IT IS NOT a partisan matter, and it is not being pushed for political effect. No one is much interested in such things now. It is a recognized genuine state of public affairs.

The president looks upon his work draft suggestion, no doubt, as a reasonable and democratic solution. England has a much milder counterpart of the same thing, being empowered to draft men for the army, and then to assign them to industry. They have put draftees into the mines to work.

He counsels, now (he did not before) safeguards which would not draft a man to work for a lower salary than he has been getting.

What is certainly also behind the idea, but not mentioned, is the power such legislation would give the president over strikes and nonconformist labor union leaders or workers. They could be drafted to work (all union leaders have been against it).

JUDGING not only from these reiterated demands for more government compulsory powers but also the steps taken recently closing all race tracks, tightening rationing and the other war compulsory decrees, it is impossible to refrain from the conclusion that this government is moving further and further to the compulsory theory.

Its ideal of a perfect form of government seems to be a new kind of democratic stateism preserving free enterprise, contradictory as those terms may sound. This may be the fourth new deal.

Actually the only factor holding congress back is that the need for these steps has not been proved conclusively. If, in the future, anytime, a major setback in the war, a wave of strikes, or a critical shortage of labor which cannot otherwise be met, develops a crisis, the congressional attitude could then be swung easily in favor of such form of action.

CONSEQUENTLY any sound analysis must conclude that the plotted march of the fourth term is definitely headed toward extension of compulsion methods, completely for war, and to a new undetermined extent for peace, that the ideal seems to be a state in which individuals are subjected to extended authoritarian control by federal authorities.

This trend may be arrested by victory, but its course is largely in the hands of events to come. The position of congress seems to be only that it does not understand conditions to be bad enough yet to war-



IN THE MIDDLE—AND HOW!—The guy holding his head in the center of this seething mass of pulchritude is William Nicholas, chairman of the Tournament of Roses. The bevy of beautiful gals gathering around in mob-scene manner are aspirants for Rose Queen title, and the place is the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

REACTION to news, especially war news, here in Washington is always swift and sometimes drastic. If the trend of news is good, there immediately follows a spirit of optimism and optimistic prediction. Last summer when the war was running heavily in our favor, discussions had to do with post-war plans, reconversion and re-employment.

Lately the news has been discouraging. Not only has the news from the European war front been bad, but the development of our relations with our Allies has been disturbing. Even the civilian front here has taken some minor beatings, what with very little gasoline, few cigarettes, and the cancellation of carefully saved ration points. Consequently, this has been the gloomiest Christmas season in Washington, D. C., since the Civil War.

Perhaps the greatest shock here—apparently even a greater shock than the news of the German offensive—was the statement by the President that the Atlantic Charter does not exist—that it was just some "scraps of paper." Noticeable evidence of shock was in the Senate debate on the confirmation of new assistants for the Secretary of State. Former stalwart New Dealers and Administration "yes men" were heard to question the President's foreign policy and even voice criticism of it, or to be more specific, criticism because our foreign policy is not defined.

From the bad war news comes a noticeable trend to give the War Department almost complete control of the War Production Board. Previous decisions regarding increased production of civilian goods have been voided.

THE organization of the House of Representatives is almost the same for this Congress as for the one just ended (78th). The principal difference is that the majority of the democrats was so thin that their control of the House was never certain. During the last six months, the margin of difference was less than half a dozen. Now, however, the margin is 40 which appears to be ample for the purpose of giving the administration whatever legislation it desires.

DURING 1945 Oregon's \$42,000,000 road program for the

rant such a departure from our traditions. For the long run, I would guess the odds favor the projected administration outline, which events could swiftly popularize and justify.

ONE BILL PASSES IN FIRST 3 DAYS OF LEGISLATURE

Salem, Ore., Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—With only one bill passed during the first three days of the session, Oregon's 1945 legislators began to be restive, asking "where are the bills?" and today looked forward to something to do more work on.

Only minor or non-controversial legislation was on the floor yesterday, with contentious subjects, such as the "Big-truck" bill not yet up for debate.
Only flareup yesterday was competition between two senate groups to have adopted a joint resolution of their own, each providing for a legislative investigating committee to look into the liquor control situation in the state, as demanded by Gov. Earl Snell.

One resolution grants broader powers to the proposed committee than the other, the only difference.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—Bills introduced yesterday in the 1945 Oregon legislature included those which provided:

(In the house):
Limitation of financial responsibility for auto owners who have had an accident, to three years, instead of perpetually, and permitted self insurance in certain cases.

Extension of drivers' licenses until June 30, 1947.
Invalidating of all tax refund invoices for gasoline used off the highway if any invoice was found to be fraudulent.

A refund of registration fees for trucks which are destroyed by accident before 50 per cent of the registration period is up.
Registration of trucks and trailers, used exclusively as residences, for a flat \$5 instead of by weight.

(Passed in the house):
Bill validating use of stickers on autos in lieu of license plates. (Introduced in the senate):
Establishment of standards and weights for containers for wheat, corn and flour.

Probate of veterans' estates.
Audits for the accounts of municipal corporations.



BURMA TREATMENT—Natives benefit as American infantrymen force way into Burma. Here local inhabitant visits Yank medical corpsman at aid station set up on grounds of adjoining Buddhist monastery. (U.S. Signal Corps Photo.)

WHERE is it all going to end? We don't know. We doubt if anyone does, even the wise money boys.

But we do know this—when the boys who have fought this war do come home—the American people are going to give them everything they can possibly AFFORD to give them, and then feel their debt has not been—and can't be—adequately repaid!

Peace In Greece?

There is little news from Greece these days. The excitement of two weeks ago has entirely died down.
The last report we have seen however, indicates the E.A.M. forces are being driven steadily back by the British troops and are about ready to call it a day and come to British terms.

WE hope so.
For British terms would mean disarming of the E.A.M., restoration of law and order and eventually a general election to determine the sort of government the people of Greece really want.

This would not please Moscow, or Mr. Browder, but we believe it would please world opinion in general, and be decidedly in the interest of restoring world peace in the Near East.

FOR the refusal of the E.A.M. to disarm, caused all the trouble in the first place and was based essentially upon the determination of the Greek Communists to establish a dictatorship of the proletariat by force.

That is all there was to the so called Greek revolt. The "national liberation front" claimed of course that this demand their members disarm, was merely a ruse to allow a Fascist coup d'etat, for the latter were not asked to do so.
But there was no armed Fascist party in Greece to disarm. There was only the provisional government with armed force to oppose the red revolters.

THE demand from E.A.M. that the government disarm first would therefore be rather like Al Capone if he had agreed to throw away his gun, if the cop on the corner would do likewise and do it FIRST.
Once let the E.A.M. be disarmed, and we predict the much publicized "civil war" in Greece will soon subside, and another victory for determination decisive action and sound good common sense, can be chalked up to Mr. Winston Churchill's credit.

Weather Aids Germans

Long, dark winter nights, as well as bad winter weather, are fighting on the side of the enemy along the Belgian-German-French battlefield.

Few observers here realize how short the days and how long the nights are in west central Europe at this season of the year. Aachen, largest German city yet taken by American forces, and typical battle line marker, lies near the 51st degree of North Latitude. Although in that zone in late December and early January about eight hours elapse between sunrise and sunset, effective daylight usually is cut sharply at both ends of the day by heavy fog. Since the sun is low in the south its rays are dimmer than those of the high summer sun even when fog is absent.

IN Peacetime, city dwellers in central Europe often kept lights burning until after 10 o'clock in the morning and frequently turned them on again as early as 2 p. m. Even on the clearest mid-winter days twilight is of little use to Allied flyers, so that for a period of 14 to 16 hours they find the battle area blacked out.

It was doubtless during these long hours of darkness says the National Geographic that the Germans made their elaborate preparations to break through the Allies' line. Under nature's blackout, the enemy can fill highways with marching men and long processions of tanks and trucks, and can shift trainloads and boatloads of supplies fully protected by the darkness.

\$50 Month Old Age Pension Is Passed By California Body

Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—The state assembly yesterday passed and sent to the senate a bill continuing indefinitely the \$50 a month rate for old age pensions after defeating an amendment to make the rate \$60 a month.
The vote on passage of the bill was 79 to 0. The amendment to increase the amount to \$60 a month was supported almost entirely by Democratic members

and was defeated by a 31 to 46 vote.
The present \$50 a month pension rate is to expire July 1.

P. W. KILLED BY TRAIN
Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—Rudolph Tranmueller, German prisoner of war, escaped Monday from a cotton-picking detail near Casa Grande, Ariz. Tranmueller's body was found beside Southern Pacific railroad tracks between Tucson and Yuma, his body mangled almost beyond recognition, the FBI said.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
January 11, 1935
(It was Friday)
Mary Pickford, film queen to seek divorce from Douglas Fairbanks on grounds of "in-difference."

Gen. Charles H. Martin to be inaugurated as governor of Oregon next Monday.
Roosevelt outlines social security plans to congress.

Premier Mussolini and Foreign Minister Laval of France hold conference.
Heavy snow falls in high mountains.

Cold, unsettled with rain or snow. High 38, low 30 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 11, 1915
(It was Sunday)
Dense fog covers France and England.

Gov. Pierce comes out for state income tax and oleo in message to legislature.
Jackson county members of legislature named on six committees.

Cloudy and colder. High 46, low 38 degrees.
Owem-Oregon company mill to start double shift next week.

Eggs sell for 47 cents per dozen on Portland market due to light receipts.
Premier Mussolini of Italy names New York lady as "first fascist of America."

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
January 11, 1911
(It was Wednesday)
W. H. Canon is re-elected mayor.

Trolley franchise to be asked of city council, for valley inter-urban line.

First snow of year falls in city and street department kept on jump.

Daily Weather Report

Medford and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Friday with occasional light rain tonight or early Friday. Warmer tonight.
Oregon: Cloudy with occasional light rain in northwest portions spreading to west portions tonight and Friday with light rain or snow at times beginning tonight east of Cascades.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest: 44; lowest: 31.
Total monthly precipitation, 58 inch. Deficiency for the month, 32 inch.

Table with columns for city, temperature, and precipitation. Includes cities like Boston, Chicago, Denver, Eureka, etc.

PYLE GOING TO PACIFIC FRONT

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—Ernie Pyle, famed columnist and war correspondent, said today that he is going out to cover the Pacific war "Not because I want to, but just because something inside me says I've got to."

He added: "I don't relish one bit going out in range of Japanese bombs and shells. They'll be just as hellish and terrifying as the German bombs. But the men fighting the war don't like the shooting either."
The 112-pound correspondent asserted that although friends think he looks very well, he was unable to rest during the three and a half months he spent at his Albuquerque, N. M., home after covering the war in Africa, Italy and France.

"It was no rest—not even a total of a half day punning myself alone on the front porch," Pyle said.

AIRLINE CUTS RATES
Los Angeles, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—The American airlines today announced a 8 1/2 per cent cut in passenger rates effective about March 1. The saving was made possible through more efficient operating methods and greater utilization of aircraft. President A. N. Kemp announced.

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Ye Smudge Pot

The British press continues to heckle Gen. Eisenhower for the German "breakthrough" on the Belgian front. A nation whose representative in the Munich appeasement tried to tame "Der Fuehrer" with an umbrella has no heckle coming about anything.

Most of yesterday was as bright as a Christmas necktie, several of which were heard in the business district long before they turned a corner.

Ed Kubil, the Applegate cowman, as yet has not found his lost wallet. He has looked every place including on the piano and in his Sunday pants.

Nations bordering on the Pacific have ordered the Mikado of Japan, regarded by the Japanese as "a divinity" should be humbled following the defeat of his country, made to personally sign the terms of surrender and be exiled. This would convince his subjects he is just another Jap, no different from them except he owns more kimonos. Exiling Hirohito to Germany would be fit punishment for all concerned. Extra torture could be imposed upon the "master race" by compelling them to assemble once a week in what is left of the Berlin "Sportsplatz" and listen to the "Son of Heaven" inflict one of his own poems.

DIFFERENT NOW!

(Jefferson (Ore.) Review)
The card has a picture printed on it of Mrs. Morrison and her brother, taken in Salem in 1863, when she was four years old and her brother was three. It shows Mrs. Morrison all dolled up in the fashion of the day, including pantalettes with white embroidered ruffles showing beneath her dress. A note to Melissa says that little girls in that day did NOT run around with bare knees."

The Governor in his message to the legislature demanded a probe of the purchase of two Kentucky distilleries by the sister states of Oregon and Washington, and other matters appertaining thereto. "I want no cursory examination," clarified the chief executive, as mild cussing started in the dark corners of the legislative halls.

Ear doctors of the land warn people to cease the habit of poking toothpicks and matches in their \$1,000,000 ears, as its one of the leading causes of deafness. It is argued the ear owners, with a \$11 watch would not think of jabbing its vitals with either object.

"Just before election they made it easier to cash war bonds. No political significance, of course! Prior to election they eased up on point rationing, and many gained the impression that the war was about in the bag. Prior to election, Ward was taken over, only to be dropped again when the action looked like it might become a political boomerang."—(Oregonian: Letter to ed.)—A patriot wakes up as the campaign soap comes home to roost.

The first mention in some time of Mons. Laval and Petain, the cream of French cussedness, comes from Berne, revealing the people of France, via a poll, are heartily in favor of terminating the earthly activity of M. Laval, known as the "Viper of Vichy." A kinder feeling is shown for M. Petain. He is looking through the portals of 90 years and time is expected to soon take its toll, though he dealt plenty of misery to his native land and democracy when the Nazis were going full steam. Nothing is revealed of the whereabouts of either. Both are quiet enough to be in Argentina.