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ECONOMY IN WARSHIPS

There are any number of sincere citizens of this republic who point to the money spent for warships as great waste and tell how many schools, libraries or hospitals could be constructed with the money used for one battleship.

The idea that the construction of warships is an economic waste would have some force in a world where peace is certain but in the present state of international affairs a reasonable navy is common-sense insurance.

Moreover, those who can remember the World War recall what immense sums had to be expended in the rush construction of ships and how many millions of dollars were involved in the great warships junked at the disarmament conference. From the standpoint of national economy it is wisest to build a navy on a long term program, with construction carried out uniformly to present a balanced fleet in respect to age of ships as well as types.

A MONEY PUZZLE

We confess, immediately, that we understand very little about money, either in regard to its acquisition or its operation in the economic sphere, but we have been a bit puzzled to understand why so many nations, in times of stress, desert the gold standard, only to pick it up again later on.

What confuses us is the same question asked by Prof. G. F. Warren, of Cornell, who wants to know why England, and other nations, can run a managed currency successfully in periods of monetary chaos and not be able to do the same when conditions become normal.

HELPING BOYS

"No man stands so straight as when he stoops to help a boy."

With so many millions of men out of work it is such an easy matter to become careless and pay no attention to boys. Men are doubly busy with the affairs of business and trying to figure out how they can live up to their codes. Worrying details occupy one's mind. Yet, all about us, are boys who need help—the help that comes from encouraging words, a helping hand, a little boost. All these helpful things take just a minute of any man's time—and yet they mean so much to a boy.

It does not take long for a boy to grow and develop into a man. It may be that what we say today will have a big influence on what kind of a man he will be. Are we doing the thing that will help the boy? Just a cordial word of greeting in the morning as the boy is on his way to school will frequently give the lad just the needed encouragement for that particular day. Do we do that? Can we truthfully say that we have been the means and channel by which a boy gets inspiration to do better things?

There is so much we can do in boys work without ever having to take any time to do it. Most men are willing to do this only if they realized how easily it can be done. "No man stands so straight as when he stoops to help a boy."—Times Herald, Alliance, Nebraska.

The man who bets and wins rarely tells about the time he lost his pants.

Correct this sentence: "There will be no cold weather in the winter of 1934-35."

There is no telling how much admiration the average small boy has for Santa Claus.

The power company now knows what a dangerous instrument propaganda can be.

Blind optimism is just about as bad for a community as senseless pessimism.

Americanism: Millions of prize seekers and one winner.

Service is its own advertisement and its own reward.

Finishing a hard and prolonged task gives huge satisfaction.

There are lots of people who believe in charity only when it is broadcast.

Let's turn over a new leaf in 1935 with some long term planning for savings.

Friendly criticism may be extremely helpful even though it is not so pleasant.

Experience is the one valuable gift that time alone will present to the individual.

TAX PROPHECY

Consistency, as the world has been told on good authority, is the bane of little minds. Nevertheless, as the State Department of Revenue devotes all its present head of that department thought of this tax when he was in a judicial and not a defensive frame of mind.

As chairman of the State Tax Commission in 1930, State Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell considered the sales tax among all other possible sources of revenue. In the report signed by him, the Commission, after consideration of all the possible merits of the sales tax as a source of revenue, came to the following conclusion:

But in our opinion this series of advantages of the general sales tax is out weighed by its infirmities. It takes little account of ability to pay, and is the most successful form of tax on poverty that could be invented. It stands between the hungry and every loaf of bread and demands its payment in advance. It would take its toll from the very sums that charity distributes to help feed the unemployed and the helpless. To the extent that it took any tax off the landlord it would pass it on to his impoverished tenant, and from the owner of the factory to his partially employed laborers. It offers widespread opportunity for fraud in concealing the tax after it has been passed on and collected by the dealer. It pyramids with multiple sales. Its administration would be expensive and difficult and would require an army of employees if administered with approximate success and equality.

The inevitable tendency of any form of sales tax that adds definitely to the sale price is to increase the volume of interstate purchase, where the tax cannot apply, as against purchase within the State. North Carolina is peculiarly susceptible to this influence, with its long border lines. The Constitution of the United States guarantees the free flow of commerce across all State lines and no tax can be imposed upon it. This limitation makes it impossible for State to employ the sales tax principle in any large way as may be done by independent sovereignties that control the flow of commerce across their borders.

These obligations seem to us to far outweigh the advantages of a general sales tax.

Every man has a right to change his mind, but, in the opinion of many, it seems a pity that so excellent a prophet as Commissioner Maxwell should devote himself to attempting to argue away the troubles which he himself with great wisdom predicted would follow the levy of the tax on the subsistence of the people. In particular it seems unfortunate that Mr. Maxwell, who said that to the extent that the sales tax "took any tax off the landlord it would pass today feel impelled to argue sharply with it on to his impoverished tenant," should Dr. G. W. Forster, agricultural economist of State College, for undertaking to show that the sales tax has done just what Mr. Maxwell said it would do. Apparently prophets are hard to please even when they are right.

WORLD POLITICS

Two significant developments in international affairs have taken place in Europe recently. People who are interested in knowing where and when the next war will develop and what will be the line-up of the countries involved can keep posted by taking a small degree of interest in following the news affecting international affairs.

At London, Norman H. Davis, speaker for the American Government, warned Japan without calling any names, that the denunciation of the present naval treaties would mean "conditions of insecurity, of international suspicion and of costly competition" in naval armament. Notwithstanding this expression it is generally expected that Japan will soon announce its intention of abrogating the treaties, thus ushering in an unrestricted era of building warships.

European politics have taken a new turn as a result of Franco-German conferences in Rome, following which France announced that it would not send its troops into the Saar to keep order during the plebiscite and Germany agreed to accept an international police proposed by Great Britain. This apparent agreement between Germany and France caused apprehension in Russia, which worries lest Germany attack her Western border. Russia and France are friends again and the Russians have gotten the French to agree not to make any agreement without consulting Russia. Until Germany signs the Eastern Locarno security pact Russia will be disturbed.

A MATERNITY MARATHON

It's an interesting marathon going on in Toronto, Canada, where \$500,000 is to be awarded to the mother who has the most children in the decade ending October, 1936.

It seems that a certain Charles V. Millar left that amount as a prize in the maternity sweepstakes. One woman, with eleven babies to her credit, leads the entrants but another keeps in the running by presenting her ninth baby this month. She has given birth to twenty-two in all, but only nine since 1926.

The millennium will be at hand when the United States pleases Japan.

What the average restaurant needs, more than anything else, is a cook.

Most people are willing to speak by the book if they can write the book.

IN MY OPINION

(By Frank Smethurst, in the News And Observer)

Louisiana alone has a Huey Long, which is doubtless an excellent thing for domestic tranquility. But those States which are pharisaically grateful might take the spectacle of the Kingfish as a tip to make sure that they themselves are altogether free of Longish ways.

Consider the latest episode of the Kingfish and the school teachers.

Surely, there's nothing very original in the trick by which Long sought to drive a hidden joker through the special session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Jokers are not quite legitimate offspring of legislative technique, but they have been exposed with no great shame even in North Carolina. Occasionally successful, they have been accepted within the family circle by the blessing of the court and a genial disposition to concede that all is fair in politics, too.

Equally certain there's no novelty in the plight of school teachers battered about at the whim of the prevailing political mood.

The critics of Long's proposal to make Louisiana teachers responsible to a State agency with authority to hire and fire, shout "patronage and spoils." The Long adherents probably cite the virtues of centralization.

The difference between them is a difference of policy—centralization or local control. The terminology depends on partisanship. And this is merely one item in a long list of items.

There was a great clamor about freedom of speech when Huey intervened in the editorial policy of a student publication.

There was neither clamor nor even a suggestion of invaded liberties when a State College student editor in North Carolina wrote harshly about a Governor and later yielded to pressure in an apology and a promise to be good.

Huey is having difficulties with the football coach of Louisiana State, much to the glee of his out-of-State critics. He is reported to have offended the coach by a too intense personal interest in the team.

Not many months ago, a trustee of a North Carolina institution was going over the head of the coach to write letters to individual players telling them how they should play.

Huey Long, one may admit, is even a greater menace than his uncompromising foes contend, but at least he has no exclusive control even of the evil which in him appears to be a concentrate.

ROAD INTRODUCES NEW RAIL BUSES

Specially Designed Cars Stream-Lined, To Operate On Norfolk Southern

New fast rail service, with the popular stream-lined coaches propelled by internal combustion engines, will be introduced by the Norfolk Southern Railroad early next month on its main lines, it was announced yesterday by L. P. Kennedy, superintendent.

A new type of rail coach, known as a "Rail-Bus," has been developed especially for the Norfolk Southern and two of these modern coaches, providing the latest in railroad passenger transportation, will be delivered tomorrow by its builders, the American Car and Foundry Company. Two additional units will be delivered by early spring.

The new coaches, each self propelled by internal combustion engines mounted beneath the bodies, will be exhibited at Norfolk, Raleigh, and other stations along the Norfolk Southern between the

date of delivery and the first week in January, when they will begin regular runs from Raleigh to Washington, N. C., and from Goldsboro to Beaufort.

The "Rail-Bus" is approximately 57 feet in length, seats 53 persons, and also carries a 12-foot mail and baggage compartment. Built of Corn-Ten steel and aluminum alloy, it is capable of a speed of 65 miles per hour. A recent test on the B. and O. tracks at Philadelphia demonstrated that it can attain a speed of 62 miles per hour in one minute, from a dead stop.

In comparison with the steam coach, the new stream-lined unit has a much lesser weight. With its own engine, it weighs 38,000 pounds, while a steam coach without power will average 80,000 pounds.

The most luxurious seating equipment is employed, with full leather semi-recliner, air cushioned individual bus seats built by the J. G. Brill Company, the first to be used in railroad cars.

This car has a greater power per pound of weight than any equipment yet turned out by the builders. It carries 216 pounds of weight for each horse power, as compared with from 300 to 400 on the Burlington and Union Pacific's stream-lined Diesel trains.

Estimates indicate that these cars can be operated at a cost comparable with that of buses on the highways and provide double capacity of the average highway unit, with mail and baggage space in addition, as well as providing fast schedules, and safety and comfort.

One car will be operated between Washington and Raleigh, leaving Washington at about 7:45 a. m., reaching Raleigh at 11:15 a. m., returning to Washington about 2:30 p. m., and arriving there at 6 o'clock.

The Goldsboro coach will leave Goldsboro or Beaufort in the morning and return in the afternoon.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred by deed of trust executed by E. T. Winstead, dated the 16th day of February, 1931, and recorded in Book 353, Page 126, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Nash County, J. L. Simmons, Trustee, will at twelve o'clock Noon on

Wednesday, January 9th, 1935 at the Courthouse door of Nash County in Nashville, North Carolina, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land to-wit:

BEGINNING at a stake, the corner of lots 6, 7, 11 and 12; thence along the line of tracts 6 and 7 S. 85 degrees N. 2640 feet to a stake in Highway No. 40; thence along N. C. Highway No. 40 S. 27 degrees W. 400 feet to a stake; thence S. 35-3-4 degrees W. 231 feet to a stake, corner of lots 7 and 8; thence along line of lots 7 and 8 N. 85 degrees W. 2377 feet to a stake, corner of lots 7 and 8 in line of lot No. 11; thence N. 5

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degrees E. 564 feet along line of lot No. 11 to the beginning, containing 32.4 acres. Being the identical tract of land and allotted to Stella Todd in the Division of the Charity. A. D. Stickland lands. See Book 193, page 535, Nash Registry; and being also the identical land conveyed to J. T. Winstead by deed from W. S. Wilkinson, Jr., dated February 13th, 1931.

This sale is made on account of default in payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, and is subject to all taxes and assessments against said property whether now due or to become due.

A ten percent (10 percent) cash deposit will be required of the highest bidder at the sale. This the 8th day of December, 1934. J. S. SIMMONS, Trustee. (D14-74)

NORTH CAROLINA EDGECOMBE COUNTY. NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF PITT-HARRIS FURNITURE COMPANY

IN THE MATTER OF L. D. HINES, TRUSTEE, FOR BENEFIT OF CREDITORS.

All creditor of the above named Pitt-Harris Furniture Company are hereby notified to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Edgecombe County a statement, under oath, as to his, its or their claim against said company, as required by Consolidated Statutes 1617, on or before sixty days from and after the date hereof, to the end that settle-

ment may be made by the undersigned Trustee as provided by law. This 14th day of December, 1934. L. D. HINES, Trustee. (4t-D21 to J11)

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