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If the next war is to be fought by radio, imagine listening to a shell-by-shell description.—Birmingham News.

We have come to the conclusion that not money but theories about it are the root of all evil.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Everybody is born free and equal, but some are more fortunate in getting on the relief rolls.—Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

In the last analysis federal aid is just taking money from the people and giving it back to them.—Duluth News-Tribune.

Maybe, one of these days, the citizen who doesn't get a pension will be a curiosity.—St. Joseph News-Press.

### A Good Record

Congratulations to the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association B. Y. P. U. upon making the standard of excellence.

Those who are acquainted with requirements of reaching this standard in a single union realize the work and study involved in making an associational organization attain the high mark.

Such a record on the part of the young people in a church should encourage them to leadership and service and deals a telling blow to some who insist that the coming generation is less interested in religion and morals than the young people of what is referred to as "the good old days."

### Tax Somebody Else

One of the biggest fights in the legislature in many years is in the offing at Raleigh, and the fight will be over the tax question.

Opponents of the sales tax, who insist that the state's revenues can be raised some other way, have proposed a substitute plan to gain the tax from where they say "the money is."

The state administration, and what appears to be a majority bloc in the legislature, is advocating re-enactment of the sales levy and declare that money cannot be raised otherwise.

The observation we are making is that people want a tax law that will get the money from somebody else. When a tax is proposed on any particular business or type opponents of that measure crowd into Raleigh to see what steps can be taken to kill the measure. It has always been that way and we are not looking for the time when it will be otherwise.

### Renting Textbooks

According to state press reports there is a growing sentiment in the North Carolina general assembly in favor of a rental textbook plan for the schools of the state. Many who favor the plan state that it is more than probable that such a measure will be passed before the legislature adjourns.

Proponents of the Cherry-Bowie bill for renting textbooks claim that such a plan would save the people of the state around \$4,500,000 annually, which is quite a sizeable figure to the people of the commonwealth.

Renting textbooks is not entirely a new plan. It has been tried out in other states and found to be moderately successful. It has its many pleasing features, particularly the savings its effects for the people.

However, as we see it, there would be a great responsibility devolving upon teachers and local school authorities in regulating the use of the rented books and maintaining strict discipline to prevent misuse and destruction of the state's property.

All of us know how school children are apt to fail to take the proper care of public property. The difficulty in keeping panes in windows will attest to that fact. If a system of renting textbooks is placed in the schools the child and the child's parents should be held strictly responsible for treatment to the textbooks used.

### Pensions And Rumors

Hon. R. L. Doughton, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the national congress, is nationally known as quite a level-headed man and he has branded the originator of the Townsend pension plan as "public enemy number one."

Townsend, a California man, started the talk for old age pensions of \$200 per month. This talk has gained nationwide attention and has created a feeling among the people that no good will come out of it.

It has created among the minds of the people the impression that the government is all powerful in that it can hand out money in vast sums to everybody when as a matter of fact the government can spend only what the people can pay in taxes.

Paying every person over 55 \$200 per month would mean doubling the present taxes. Doubling the present taxes would mean the downfall of millions and would result in chaos and revolution. It is an impossibility in every sense of the word.

Old age pensions will come. They are on the present program but about one eighth of the proposed Townsend plan benefits will be paid, is our opinion. Of course this money will have to be raised from the people.

When the people of this nation realize that what the government pays out must be paid to the government by the people it will be easier for the government to operate. Such men as Townsend poison the minds of the people and make it difficult for the government to actually present something workable.

### The Book

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

#### DAVID

As long as the nature of boys remains what it always has been, David will have a fresh army of admirers with each new generation, for he is the original of all Jack-the-giant-killer stories and has been the hero of boyhood for three thousand years.

With the exception of St. Paul no human character occupies so large a place in the Bible; of none are we given so vivid and compelling a picture. The most minute traits and characteristics are set forth in such a way as to make certain that the portrait was drawn from life. What a portrait and what a life! A red-headed shepherd boy, tending his flocks and playing his tunes in the lonesome fields, he is sent up to the army at the critical moment when its forces are paralyzed by the menace of the giant Goliath. What the swords of the stoutest warriors have been powerless to accomplish, he achieves by a well directed shot from his shepherd's sling and becomes immediately a national idol. Triumphant he is carried to the court while the bands play and the pretty girls sing and dance.

And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

Small wonder that Michal, the king's daughter, loved him and became his wife; small wonder that Jonathan, the king's son, formed a friendship with him which is one of the most beautiful in all history. Small wonder either that the king himself was jealous and resentful.

And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands; and what can he have more but the kingdom?

And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

The jealous eyes of Saul, who was in a place too big for him and finally went mad trying to fill it, drove David out of the court and into the wilderness where soldiers of fortune rallied to him from various motives, and built up a lusty young army which, to his credit, he kept well disciplined and free from the grosser crimes of guerrilla warfare. Neither the king's forces nor his plots could prevail against the young man's destiny.

In a previous chapter we have referred to his conquests, his qualities as an administrator, the sin which forms the one black spot upon his reputation, a sin, by the way, which was not so extraordinary in a king of that period and would perhaps have been forgotten but for the magnificent humility of his repentance, and the Psalms that are his eternal claim to remembrance.

Former Emperor William was a world figure at one time, but now he doesn't seem to amount to a Doorn.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

A generation now growing up in this country is just learning to pick a thin dime off a wet bar.—Detroit News.

There is some satisfaction in the fact that when every man's a king, Huey won't be a senator.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

In China when a man doesn't pay his debts, they remove his door. If such a policy was pursued in this country we would be famous for our open door policy.—Greensboro (Ga.) Herald-Journal.

## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

### PRESIDENTIAL HURDLES

Washington, Feb. 18. (Auto-caster).—There are three major differences between the President and influential groups in both houses of Congress, without counting the Bonus legislation which has not yet come to a head.

Those major matters which are going to call for all the tact, political skill and firmness which the President possesses, do not include the numerous minor and unorganized expressions of discontent. Those may all be swept aside and forgotten if the outcome of the major items discloses that Mr. Roosevelt still retains control of the Federal Government in most of its branches. If his program and his policies in respect to any one of the disputed matters should be overthrown, his prestige would be somewhat impaired.

That is why the President has called upon the most vigorous and respected Democrat in either house, Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, to come to his aid in this crisis. Senator Glass has been more open in criticism of the New Deal than any other Democrat, almost as vigorous as any Republican.

Senator Glass scoffed at NRA when it was instituted, refused to sign the Newspaper Code on behalf of his two Lynchburg papers, or to fly the Blue Eagle. That was after he had refused Mr. Roosevelt's request to become Secretary of the Treasury, the post he held in the latter years of the Wilson Administration, because he could not see eye to eye with the President on financial policies. He has been outspoken in opposition to numerous Administration projects, in the last Congress as well as in this one.

#### Appeal To Glass

It came as a surprise to Washington, therefore, when news leaked out that the President had personally telephoned to Senator Glass for aid in getting the "work relief" out of committee in the precise form in which it went in. That is the \$4,880,000,000 bill to take all employable persons off the dole and put them on public works at an average wage of \$50 a month. Harry Hopkins reports that about 2 1/4 millions of men have already been so shifted. A fairly complete program to do the same for another 5 million is said to be ready to start on whenever Congress acts.

The opposition on Capitol Hill is to the \$50 wage. The President's view is that the whole scheme would be scuttled if the demand for the "prevailing rate of wages" were complied with. Arrayed against him are the influences of organized labor and of the business organizations who are opposed to any extension of public works, but think the straight dole is preferable. The appeal to Senator Glass was an appeal to save the entire project.

#### Pensions and Banking

"Next in immediate importance, in the President's mind, is the complicated Old-Age-Pension, Unemployment-Insurance measure. It is hardly expected that he can count on Senator Glass' help in this. The whole thing is conceded to be a muddle. The plan as presented to Congress is regarded as half-baked and it looks now as if all the influence

the President can bring to bear will not get it through Congress in anything like its present form, if at all.

Nobody on Capitol Hill understands the pension bill yet, and few at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue. The reason for its hasty introduction, it now becomes clear, was to head off what seemed like even wilder proposals, such as the Townsend Plan; but Congress has refused to be stampeded into hasty action on this measure.

Of even greater consequence is the new Banking Bill, drawn up by Secretary Mergenthau, Governor Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board, and the President himself. It is another and vigorous attempt to place all banking and credit control in the hands of a single Federal agency, the Federal Reserve system, with the Secretary of the Treasury directly in command. The purpose is to enable the central bank thus formed to issue orders to all banks as to what they may lend and on what security, thus making credit inflation possible on an almost unlimited scale. Instead of the liquidity, which has been the aim of all bankers since the crash of 1929, when their "frozen loans" got them into trouble, this bill would permit and encourage commercial banks to lend on long-term mortgages, to industries and businesses for long-term working capital—precisely the opposite practice that has been urged on them the past three years.

#### Down the Stretch

Senator Glass, who as the principal author of the Federal Reserve Act and as former Secretary of the Treasury, is held by many Democrats to be the best authority in America on banking matters, has already come out outspokenly against the new banking bill. He is prepared to wage the fight of his career against the Administration's plan, and the betting is at least even, if not slightly better, that he will win out. The fight will be between a veteran Senator of proved fighting qualities and a President of whose stamina in pitched battle neither Congress or the nation has had any experience as yet.

There isn't any question that a great many Congressmen and a larger proportion of Senators have been stung by the criticisms

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An old gentleman, rather illiterate, had written a letter to Sears and Roebuck.

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