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FINANCIAL CRAZY QUILT

"You can't have your cake and eat it, too," is a homely expression of basic economic law, and it is as true today as it was at the beginning of time.

The only difference is that today we have unconsciously declared a moratorium on reality. How else can the present deficit system and a $40,000,000,000 peace time Federal debt be explained?

Again we are riding an economic crest—according to business indexes—just as we were riding one in 1937. And again no effort has been made to tighten the governmental fiscal belt, such as was promised under the theory of spending in bad times, saving in good.

On the contrary, there is again talk of still greater public spending to "take up the slack" the instant there is indication of a cessation in the upward trend. If we do not have a "war boom" we apparently are to again try to make our own boom by the bootstrap method—the same bootstraps that are already flimsy from stretching.

How long can this crazy quilt of public spending be continued? No man can tell. America is a strong nation, but like a strong man who takes to dope to enjoy fantastic hallucinations, she will meet a nerve shattering end unless her people are willing to swallow the bitter pills of reality and demand a government that "earns" more than it "spends."

VIOLINS AND LOCOMOTIVES

Music and business are both based on harmony. They cannot be placed on standard and be expected to advance.

Pieces written for the Southland, such as "My Old Kentucky Home," "Old Black Joe," "Dixie," etc., seem more appropriate when played with a harmonica, guitar, violin or banjo. The more subtle music of today needs to be played by a modern orchestra.

Music changes and reflects the times. If music were restricted to a certain standard, it would not advance.

Business is the same as music. If leaders in business were tied down to non-flexible rules, there could be no improvement. The spirit of advancement would be lacking.

Through the ages people who have been ground down under a tyrant, struggled to secure freedom. And when freedom was secured, there was rapid advancement and rising living standards.

The United States has been the greatest example of this and is proof that freedom is a synonym for incentive and inspiration.

Music demands free expression. Business, like music, cannot thrive on a code of restriction.

HOMETOWN AND BIGTOWN

No longer should farmers and other local people drive forty or fifty miles to sizeable centers of population in order to make their purchases. For Hometown is as good a shopping center as Bigtown. The buyer is offered the same wide selection of goods, at the same reasonable prices. He can save his gasoline and spend his money locally. The beneficial effect o fthis on any town is apparent. Property owners find ready tenants, at good rentals. Local people find jobs and spend their money at home. All business enterprises in the community benefit as trade increases. New businesses are started and old ones grow. New sources of taxation appear, and local purchasing power expands.

You see this in thousands of smaller towns and cities scattered throughout the 48 states. You see it in the steady, sound growth that is taking place in rural America. And big-scale distribution must be given much of the credit for what might be termed "the decentralization of trade centers."

"Class" Taxes Perpetuate Depression

One of the pressing problems confronting the next regular session of Congress will be to find ways and means of bringing government expenditures nearer to balance with government income. Immensely important as this neglected problem has been for years, it becomes even more vital in the light of apparently necessary increases in appropriations for the national defense.

And when Congress tackles taxation, there is still another phase of the issue which needs examination and action. That is the so-called "nuisance" and "class" taxes. We have had a wearying number of these in the past decade, and their effect on business, to put it mildly, has been paralytic. Too often have legislators with an axe to grind used the power o ftax as the power to destroy. And we see the fruits of such a policy now, in industrial stagnation and continuing widespread unemployment.

It should be the first axiom of government that "class" and "punitive" taxation should never be employed, under any circumstance, to hamstring business. The burdens of taxation should fall equitably upon all.

The states, too, should think this over. Many of them have been especially bad offenders in passing indefensible "class" taxes. And in doing that, they have contributed mightily to the perpetuation of depression.

There is nothing of unusual interest to report from the business front. The early "war boom" has abated to some extent. Foresighted business men are thinking less of possible European orders, and more about increasing their business in the vast markets of this country and Latin America.

The third-quarter corporation reports have been drifting in. And, by comparison with previous periods, they are encouraging. Gross income, net profits and dividends paid are generally up. Some companies voted their first dividends in a lengthy period of time.

In other words, the public is spending a little less but getting more, due to lower prices. And that means more business for manufacturers.

Steel and textiles still lead the manufacturer's race to higher production peaks. Both industries are close to actual maximum production, which is materially less than the theoretical maximum.

A pliant soul who lacks principle and courage, always seeks a pleasant road and flowery beds of ease.

Fundamental rights are not for a special group, but are of universal application.

Quotation Marks

DETERMINATION: "We shall use our influence when the time comes in building a new world in which nations will not permit insane armed rivalry to deny their hopes of a fuller life."—Viscount Halifax.

ALL IN: "If today Europe is fighting a war of imperialism and plutocratic interests, Russia also is in it no less than other powers." —Virginio Gayda.

DOOMED: "Capitalism is senile and decaying, it is already looking backward on its past and is approaching its end."—Premier Vyacheslaff M. Molotoff.

CAN DO: "We can demonstrate that it is possible to create an economic system by mutually advantageous relations in commerce, without conflict and without encroachment on each other's territory."—Mayor La Guardia.

CONFINED: "We agree that this war must have an end and that a new one cannot be allowed to come every few years. That is why we think it necessary to achieve this goal, that nations must confine themselves to their spheres of interest."—Chancellor Hitlre.

UNPROTECTED: "In the future American citizens, personal or corporate, must not expect the United States to go to war to protect their interests and investments abroad."—Senator Thomas of Oklahoma.

EYE OPENERS—by Bob Crosby

A veteran fighter at 26, Winston Churchill was a full fledged cabinet member at 34. Since then he has held several important ministerial posts. During the world war, he introduced the use of tanks, and planned several war campaigns. Once again, in the present conflict, he has been called upon to serve his country.

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"The Best Land"

By Edgar A. Guest

If I knew a better land on this glorious world of ours,
Where a man gets bigger money and is working shorter hours;
If the Briton or the Frenchman had an easier life than mine,
I'd pack my goods this minute and I'd sail across the brine.
But I notice when an alien wants a land of hope and cheer,
And a future for his children he comes out and settles here.

Here's the glorious land of Freedom. Here's the milk and honey goal
For the peasant out of Russia, for the long subjected Pole.
It is here the sons of Italy and men of Austria turn
For the comfort of their bodies and the money they can earn.
And with all that men complain of, and all that goes amiss,
There's no happier, better nation on the world's broad face than this.

So I'm thinking when I listen to the wails of discontent,
And some foreign disbeliever spreads his evil sentiment,
That the breed of hate and envy that is sowing sin and shame
In this glorious land of Freedom should go back from whence it came.
And I hold it is the duty, rich or poor, of every man,
Who enjoys this country's bounty, to be All American.

Local Love Lyric

I love New York, its glittering stores,
Its st mulating out of doors,
Its parks, its harbors, and its rivers,
Its sky, discernible in slivers,
Its Wagner and Rachmaninoff,
Its "Newly Seeded Lawn—Keep Off,"
Its clams, its oysters, and its stew,
Its churches on Fifth Avenue,
Its seashore radiance after showers,
Its Rockefeller elms and flowers,
Its light and shade in brilliant patches.
Its sunsets visible in snatches,
Its engines streaking to fires,
Its ferries, buses, steeples, spires,
Its window boxes, and its zoo,
Its markets, movies, theatres too,
And such implausibilities
As moonbeams gilding maple trees.*

MARGARET FISHBACK.

A Candle's Beauty

The beauty of a candle touches me:
It is so softly gay—
So steadfast and so careless of itself,
Giving its life away.

With waxen body, slender, white, and still
Melting as snow or ice,
hours
A little space of moments and of
Offering sacrifice.

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A candle's beauty touches me, oh, more,
Than anything I know.

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Ten Ton Tomato Club Winners Announced

Out of 242 tomato growers enrolled in the twelfth annual Ten Ton Tomato Club contest during the past season, 25 qualified for membership in the club by producing ten or more tons of tomatoes to the acre.

The contest is divided into two groups, dependent upon the acreage of tomatoes grown. The first group includes growers with from two to five acres; the second group is made up of growers with more than five acres.

Highest yield in the first group was made by Percy Shortall, Easton, who produced 17,735 tons per acre on 2.542 acres, the highest yield ever recorded in a contest since the club was started in 1928. Second place in this group went to Wade Perkins, of Forest Hill, with 14,545 tons to the acre on 4.42 acres.

First prize in the large acreage group was won by John F. Kolk, of Long Green, with a yield of 16.916 tons to the acre on 6.219 acres. Second prize in this group was awarded Dudley Baynard, of Trappe, with 16.198 tons per acre on 8.498 acres.

Each of the winners will receive a gold watch, funds for which were provided by commercial companies interested in the development of canning crops work in the state. They will also be given trips to the University of Maryland in December to attend the annual canning crops school, at which time the prizes will be awarded. All growers in the contest who produced 10 or more tons to the acre will be given certificates of membership in the Ten Ton Tomato Club.

Other growers who qualified for membership in the club are: Clifford Smith, White Hall; Ralph G. Davis, Whiteford; Ernest L. Cooper, Aberdeen; Elmer J. Bryan, Trappe; A. R. Peterson, Cambridge; Riley J. Willey, Vienna; Arthur L. Towson, Smithburg; F. H. McConnell, Havre de Grace; A. D. Miller, Cordova; H. H. Greenfield, Joppa; E. T. Cullen, Port Deposit; John M. Larner, Havre de Grace; William H. Bringman, Oxford; Harvey E. Simmers, Rising Sun; Phillip T. Callahan, Cordova; John M. Green, Reistertown; E. Raymond Slaughter, Trappe; E. R. I. Smith, Glen Arm; Lewis Shafer, Westminster; Milton Hankins, Pylesville; and Wilmer King, Upperco.

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