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Everybody Talks About Economy

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Even the most hard-bitten Republican
will confess, when cornered, that Federal taxes cannot, be reduced without a
corresponding reduction in Federal expenditures. This is a simple and inexapable
matter of arithmetic, made obvious by the
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has made the Federal budget an account-natis nightmare.

Suppose, for instance, the Republicans rucceed in their announced plan to reduce all individual income taxes by 20-per cent. Under the President's calculation personal income taxes in fiscal 1947 will account for 421 per cent of Federal income; the 20 per cent sath would thus result in a 8.42 per cent reduction in total Federal incomé. Assume (and it's one of the illimiset as-sumptions we have ever suggested that the Republicans are willing to rest after cutting individual income taxes and that the only reduction in Federal expenditures necessary to balance the budget is that

cutting individual income taxes and that the only reduction in Federal expenditures necessary to balance the budget is that same 8.42 per cent. Where will the 0.07, awing the axe?

well, 118 per cent of Federal expenditures in 1918 will up for interest payment of the control of the control

cent of Federal appropriations in 1947, but, as any Congressman who has progressed beyond the elementary stages of his political education knows, the veterans are the read untouchables. Since the stage of the political education knows, the veterans are the read untouchables. Since the stage of the political education knows, the veterans are the work of the stage of the ways & Means Committee has a consistent record of voting for every veterans hand-out, and of thinking up a few new wrinkles of his own. The other major item is 15 per cent for international loans and rellef, and while this may be tempting the considerations mentioned above in connection with military appropriations apply here with equal force. Moreover, these loans, etc., are the backbone of a foreign policy which has the official blessing of the Republican Party.

How about those old New Doal measures? Well, there are some, ut unfortunately they don't as defended the stage of the stage o

the budget out of balance by about one per cent.

And there isn't anywhere else to swing that axe, except at the 3.6 per cent spent for general government—courts, postofrices, Congressional salaries, et al.—and this province is securely protected by the patronage possibilities it affords the starved Republicans.

It's hard lines, but eampaign oratory doesn't alter the fact that it costs a whale of a lot of money to pay for one war and get ready for another—79.1 per cent of the largest peacetime budget in history, to be exact. We wish the victorious Republicans well as they go up against that staggering fiscal fact and attemnt to make good on their bilthe promises to fee the citizens of their terrible tax burden. But we share the skepticism of the old 'Far Heel who wrestled with the Federal budget through the years after it was first stricken with wrestled with the rederal budget through the years after it was first stricken with elephantiasis. "I want to see how it's done," said old Muley Doughton as he handed the Ways & Means gavel over to Twenty Per Cent Knutson.

The High Road And The Low Road

DEMON Rum has no more unrelenting

DEMON Rum has no more unrelenting to the Methodist Church. But the Board is somewhat more tolerant than many fellow-probliotionists, and has long since recognized that "Ten Nights In A Bar-Room" does not quite tell the whole story of the alcohol problem. The Board is even willing to let a churchman who questions "panacea by legislation," give voice to his ifeas in its official publication, "The Fords of the Tenders of the Deard of the Persbyterian College of Christian Education, and Secretary of the Board of United States, currently offers this criticism of the wauld Carrie Nation type of dry crusade:

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stroke of legislation...

Br. Zelgler recognizes a distinction be-tween "the social drinker and the chronic alcoholic." He does not defend social drink-ing, but he does argue that the approach to ellminating it is of necessity somewhat different from the problem of curing the alcoholic. "There are factors in the alcohol

problem that require an entirely different treatment," he argues, but most temperance workers, dealing only in horrible examples, rarely take them into account. Blind faith in legal probibition, in his view, is the greatest handicap of the temperance movement. "If we are willing to admit that legislation is not a panaeca we have already solved one of the problems of alcohol education. We have begun to be educated when we discover our limitations as well as our possibilities."

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Dr. Zeigler, we suppose, will be damned as a traitor to the cause, but it seems to us he makes a good deal of sense. It has always seemed tragic to us that the only aways seemed tragic to us that the only well-organized and militant social crusade in the United States should waste its great potential for good in a fruitless and unrealistic effort to after human nature by law.

For drunkenness is a major social prob-lem in the United States—today no less than it was in the days of national pro-hibition. But it is, as Dr. Zeigler points out, a human problem, which means that there are as many variations of it as there

there are as many raintenance who examines the problem in this light, we think, will discover that some of those he has always considered his cause's worst enemies are heading squarely toward his own professed goal even if they are traveling by a less obvious route.

Minor Crusade For A Rainy Day

A TIRED businessman in Chicago has launched a crusade against use of the salutation, "Dear Bit" on business corrept to the control of the con

to persons unknown to the sender is designed, one way or another, to sell himsomething, it is understandable that a
flattering prefix has remained in youe,
The "dear" in many cases is no more incongruous than the adjectives subsequently
applied to the product under discussion.

We gather that the Chicago -crusader is
more interested in semantics than he is
saving labor for stenographers, since elimination of so short a word as "dear" would
hardly get the girls home any earlier in
the afternoons. We suggest, therefore, that
the crusade go all the way and provide the
recipient of the letter with an accurate
insight into the sender's opinion of him,
Nothing, in most cases, would be more
appropriate than the late Texas Guinan's
famous salutation: "Hello, sucker."

Another Voice

Box Cars And The War

WORLD WAI I gave the box car much prominence. Yanks who went oversame to get into the battle lines did much travelling in such conveyances, especially in Prance. The French lettering on the box cars became, at the war's end, the name of the manuscrementskays "the war's end, the name of the manuscrementskays "the boy who were in the European war somes of that time.

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Frugality

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TO ALL ECONOMY-MINDED TAXPAYERS:

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CHARLOTTE

Bale Capitol, the Courthouse or the City Hall. Public entiment has forced a change in the first little toward tarpayers in Washington, where Federal debt has mounted to alarming proportions. Public Ities. I will so like entiment, should force a conservative attitude in Raleigh as a safeguard against the eventual changing of a State surplied of doay into 6 State device or of a State surplied of doay into 6 State device or of a State surplied of doay into 6 State device or of the state of the state

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In the company of the desirability does not always mean advisability; and that the practice of frugality by our State Legislature today may asave our State Government, with its many thousands of employees from facing frustration when inflation its replaced by sound values and financial readjustments will be necessary.

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What Now, Bilbo?

Editors, THE NEWS:

In the lead editorial on Monday, Jan. 6, you state
that the Republican leadership has managed to
reduce the efforts to unseat Bilbo to a partisan

A that the Republican leadership has managed to reduce the efforts to unsent Billio to a partisan manured. that more than that you should note the failure of the Democratic Party leadership to take a stand. As Harold Ickes, in his column in The News on Dec. 30, said, this sort of things has happened before to a Republican in a Republican Congress and the great of the second of

place, or what?

-FRANK LEA JOHNSON.

H. WARREN FELKEL.

(NOTE: If Bilbo is finally barred at the door a vacancy will be declared and the Governor of Missispil will be empowered to appoint this Theodore Gilmore Bilbo. This, of course, would invalidate any charge of election Irregularity, for Bilbo would then be qualified by an airtight Constitutional appointment, not an election. It would still leave him open to be a proposed to the company of the comp

Editors. The News:

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-A. A. ADERIBIGBE, 12 Bread Fruit Lane, Lagos, Nigeria, B.W.A.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications are considered to the communication of the constant of the constant will be deleted—otherwise anything poes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional case and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, TER News.

Marquis Childs

Hunger In Germany

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Several of the writers raise the uestion of aid to Germans in Germany. Perhaps the most remarkable of these letters comes from eleman-Jewish refugee who fled

German-Vesish refugee who fled the Hiller terror.

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Samuel Grafton

The Soldier's Role

ALL of a sudden, NEW YORK

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Drew Pearson's: Gen. Marshall Found Life Cheap In China Merry-Go-Round

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WASHINGTON

TO get a full insight into the character of the new Secretary of State, it is necessary to know something of General Marshall's latest experiences in China. We shall see that the state of the second of the state of the second of the seco

was particularly hitter about the custom of "cumshaw" or "shakedown" previent all over China. Hannegan had present to visit a relative in a Nanking idl.

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Marshall outlined his own views on what China needed as, first, a complete restoration of civilian rule; second as the declaration of the present in the state of the declaration of the present in the state of the control of the present in the state of the control of the present in the state of the

When they reached the theater, General Marshall said to the driver, Pvt. Marcella Schaetz:

"After you park the ear, come to the box office and there'll be a taket for you."

Was Marcella did as she was told. When she got to the box office, an under said, "come this way, please," and led her to General Marshalls box. She of honor between two senses, and set the show the Chief of Staff, She confesses ahe can remember what the picture was about.

Marshall Merry-Go-Round

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