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Caprice

En Garde—Lest Fashion Doubles Our Hosiery Makers

This business, now of coloring bare legs to give them a sun-tanned appearance or of spraying them through a wire screen to make them look hosed, may be all right as a temporary sacrifice gaily endured for the duration of the silk shortage. Indeed, the editors of The News, who class themselves as patrons of leg art, could endure the sacrifice somewhat cheerfully themselves. But to the full-fashioned hosiery industry this gleeful dispensing with stockings could be a long haul. The long haul is bad news for the full-fashioned hosiery industry is bad news for this immediate section.

Almost any female is capricious, and a whole mass of them are positively unpredictable. If the girls should enjoy their enforced freedom from hosiery—and there are signs that they rather look forward to bare legs both from the standpoint of daring and the pocket-book—the worst could happen: Look at what the college boys did to the hat of earlier decades!

Fashion, of course, works in cahoots with the clothing industry, and Fashion could be trusted to make stockings the ripper (male, old, medesima!) once the mills had sufficient yarn on hand again. But Fashion has been tricked before, and while it saves the hosiery creature right, mass whims can cause severe economic dislocations.

The patriotic thing for the girls to do at this juncture may be to make the best of the hose that nature gave them, and to make the best of the fact that the smart thing for the smart market is to do is to make bare legs seem infinitely ersatz.

On Ice

Back Taxes Now Approximate Size of a Bank Failure

When the First National Bank of Charlotte failed to open its doors one thirty morning eleven years ago, it was the worst news. Recorded on the books were \$1,500,000 in unsecured debts, belonging to a great variety of people, and the effect on the community of taking this amount of money out of circulation was awful.

We don't know just what connection there is between frozen deposits and uncollected taxes, but it so happens that the accumulated back taxes of the accumulated back taxes of our two local governments aggregate about \$1,500,000. That is a terrific load of delinquency, some of it fifteen years old, for the City and the County Government to be carrying. Furthermore, it is all here. We think that County Commissioner McDonald hit the nail on the head yesterday when he said:

"I have talked to a number of business men about this problem and every one of them has said that the county makes no effort to collect these taxes, why should other people feel called on to pay them?"

Out of this situation came an appointment for a luncheon next Monday to talk about back taxes and to see what can be done about collecting them. Taxpayers as distinguished from taxpayers should be keenly interested in this, for the collection of the considerable part of these taxes is the hope of an appreciable tax reduction in both City and County taxes for next year and the years immediately following.

Cash Customers

What Will It Take To Uproot Installment Buying?

President Roosevelt has set up machinery to do something about buying on the installment credit plan. The exact restrictions are still under wraps, but it appears certain that within several days prospective buyers of automobiles, electric refrigerators, washing machines, and the like will be required to make much higher down payments than at present and to pay off the balance in much shorter length of time.

talled in the interest of defense production.

It is no exaggeration, we believe, to say that if it had not been for the easy payment credit plan, the vast majority of those who now own radios and cars and electric refrigerators might be without them. Cash customers for these products are rare. The lure of that magic "\$10 delivery" has been almost irresistible. The people of the United States now owe finance companies and banks about \$10,000,000,000 for goods they have bought on credit.

We are assured that "the man who can afford to pay cash will not be affected by the new restrictions. It is a fortunate thing for Mr. Roosevelt that his third term candidacy was not decided by "the man who can afford to pay cash." There are so few of him. What we are getting at, in our roundabout way, is that if the American people have one thing in common, it is buying on the installment plan. It is a national institution. And although we are heartily in favor of wise credit control to check inflation, we are skeptical about whether the new decree can stop the extension of easy terms. It is to take something awful to change the American people into a nation of cash customers.

CIO Goal

It Appears To Be Something More Than Meets The Eye

With every new CIO strike, it becomes increasingly clear that the left wingers and Communists who actually control policy within most of the unions are working for something more than a strong, single-purposed labor organization.

We cite you the latest evidence. Peter Flynn, CIO union vice-president, invites the Government to take over and operate the steelworks and the Ford shipbuilding plant at Kearny, N. J. At this vital center, 16,000 men had been building desperately-needed merchantmen and warships. But last Wednesday the CIO called not because of wage-hour grievances, but because the union had demanded a closed shop clause (i. e., union workers exclusively) and the company refused to grant it.

"We believe that the Government should step in without another hour's delay," declared Mr. Flynn. And you will note the company officials offered the shipyards to the Navy because there was no alternative save complete capitulation to Mr. Flynn.

Strange. Out in California CIO pickets at the North American Aviation plant called not because of wage-hour grievances, but because the company demanded a closed shop clause (i. e., union workers exclusively) and the company refused to grant it.

There is not space here for a full discussion of the history of this technique. We first heard about it from the lips of one of John L. Lewis' political henchmen, during the company lock-out one year ago. At this time it was scarcely more than bright ideas. It was broadcast something like this:

"Well, if we ever get into a war, it would be bad, but it might give labor a big break. The Government could moderate strikes. But we'd first be sure the Government was on our side and that the Government would take over—but really we'd be in the saddle. In that way, without shedding a drop of blood, we'd have what we've always wanted: labor-controlled state socialism. And the people would surely know that had happened once it was all over."

Uniformed Criminals

By Hugh S. Johnson

TOO frequently these days the press reports some judge offering probation to a convicted criminal if he will enlist in the Army or Navy. The most recent case of the kind was that of the local recruiting officer protested vigorously was in the Army. A prospective recruit was rejected at the recruiting office for military reasons. A judge then offered him a sentence of probation if he would enlist in the Army or Navy.

It was one thing to get a couple of million soldiers across three thousand miles of sub-infested territory in 1918. It was altogether another kettle of fish to get them all home, right side up and morale intact after the white-flies blow and the chertin bells rang that November morning on Armistice Day.

LIABILITY FOR SERVICE IN EXTREMIS The idea of absolute liability to military service is intrinsic in Anglo-American law. It is a principle which during the Stuart fight with Parliament decreed and destroyed the rights of the subject. It was never applied to recruit armies. The press ganged the poor and the poor ganged the press. The press ganged the poor and the poor ganged the press. The press ganged the poor and the poor ganged the press.

SOME BAD BOYS MAKE GOOD SOLDIERS Some of these ex-bad-boys have done marvelous military exploits. In the French Foreign Legion where "no questions are asked." It is a tradition at least that a large number of the soldiers of Columbus on the first discovery voyage were ex-convicts.

With, perhaps, some idea of the presence of such characters in the ranks of the legion, the Santa Maria, the discipline was brutal. It was a tradition to encourage convicts at any time, but there is a real cause to question the automatic extension of any and all ex-convicts on the ground of moral inferiority.

HOPE BOYS PREFER JAIL TO THE ARMY In addition to the other reasons here given, that discipline could do the man a good deal of good. It is a tradition to encourage convicts at any time, but there is a real cause to question the automatic extension of any and all ex-convicts on the ground of moral inferiority.

The New Order Here, in Georgia, some of the men who were in the Georgia penitentiary are now in the Georgia penitentiary. It is a tradition to encourage convicts at any time, but there is a real cause to question the automatic extension of any and all ex-convicts on the ground of moral inferiority.

George Washington slept here. Some tired defense workers are going to do the same thing. It is a tradition to encourage convicts at any time, but there is a real cause to question the automatic extension of any and all ex-convicts on the ground of moral inferiority.

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Millions Homeward In The Brig

By Amy G. Bassett

Our literature is crowded with accounts of how American soldiers, and how the men who nobody saw, were the officials, saw or knew were there men whom no hands played nor flies were flown. These were the men from the Red Sea. Annals of the world's wars, they are the brig of those war days.

It was not all the tragedy of the world's wars, they were drunk too much "white mule," and that was that. Big sentences were imposed on all cases by the military courts, hoping perhaps that they would act as a deterrent on other post-war adventures. Back here those sentences and cases were reviewed, and all but the really serious offenders got off lightly, once we had them safely home.

I remember asking one man how long he had to serve for being absent without leave for a week, and on being told that it was something like twenty years, I was properly appalled. He saw my face, he never got the twenty years — he was out in six months. I know, because I kept track of his case. He was a philosopher was too valuable to lose in that sorry job.

Back on this side I had gratified into mending these low battalions. Prison life in France had not done anything to the memories of American soldiers. It was the only thing, was it? I remember asking one man how long he had to serve for being absent without leave for a week, and on being told that it was something like twenty years, I was properly appalled.

THE NEGRO WHO RAN AMOK IN TWO NATIONS We always had advance notice of arrivals, and the transfer boats that took the men from ship to Governors Island were always in the harbor promptly. There came a day, however, when only one lone case was on the way. It was a man who had been found in the streets of New York, and he was a man who had been found in the streets of New York.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT Herein is my father glorified, that he bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples.—John 15:3.

Little Bit Of England

By Dorothy T. Johnson

London—(By Wireless)—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Frank Lascelles, a high churchman, has been elected to the office of Archbishop of Canterbury. He is a high churchman, and he is a high churchman.

The House of Commons, bombed and burned, is clean and a-licking in the empty ceiling. The House of Commons, bombed and burned, is clean and a-licking in the empty ceiling. The House of Commons, bombed and burned, is clean and a-licking in the empty ceiling.

THE PRISONER THOUGHT HE HAD DIED The man who was in the brig, he was in the brig. He was in the brig, he was in the brig. He was in the brig, he was in the brig.

GALLIES HUMOR AND IRONIC UNDERSTANDING The gallows humor and ironic understanding of Londoners. The gallows humor and ironic understanding of Londoners. The gallows humor and ironic understanding of Londoners.

THE UNDESIRABLE ARE HALF-DEREGATED Now Cambridge and Gray Oxford are derided by half of their students. All the classics in the history of poetry makers have been drafted, and the engineers are exempt. They must complete their education. We shall need them.

THE CROWDED CAPITAL —By Herblock

IT GETS AWFULLY HOT IN WASHINGTON

WHAT'S SO WOODEN ABOUT THE CHERRY TREES?

YOU CAN GET ACCOMMODATIONS IN PHILADELPHIA OR RICHMOND

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