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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT.

OUR PROGRAM

To protect and to foster the moral, material and cultural welfare of Seattle and Washington; to encourage honest and efficient government; to fight injustices and wrongdoing wherever found; to promote cooperation with our neighbors to the end that our state and our region, favored above all others in climate, resources and opportunities, may fulfill their rightful destiny; and to give all our people a clean, accurate, dependable and informative newspaper.

THE TAXPAYER KNOWS

EVEN SO SERIOUS A TOPIC AS taxes has its humorous aspects. Consider, for instance, the suggestion that schools in this state operate next year until all money has been expended and then close, so the people will "understand" the gravity of the problem confronting education.

Somehow, one gets the impression that run-of-the-mill taxpayers in Washington are fairly familiar with the troubles of tax-sustained agencies. They have been studying their government very intently for three or four years. Added to this had been a liberal personal "education" in private financing arising from income reductions and difficulty in meeting levies.

The Seattle School Board, among others, has been a liberal contributor to the "education" of the public. It cut costs more than \$1,000,000 for the current year and plans further savings of \$700,000 for 1933-34. The fact it has had to make such drastic economies has advised the people how necessary retrenchment has been and still is.

For a long time, the public revenue situation in this state has been exactly in the position indicated by the song-writer when he caroled: "That's All There Is—There Isn't Any More." It has taken some individuals on the public payrolls—schools included—a surprising length of time to understand that this is the state of affairs. The wise ones have accepted conditions as they exist and are trying to make the available money stretch as far as possible. All others are going to do the same thing in due course of time because they will be unable to do anything else.

It really isn't any use getting peevish at the taxpayer and would be unwise to try to "teach him a lesson" by closing the schools early. He would not welcome such a plan and might get angry himself. Furthermore, he couldn't produce any more money anyway.

ALL IN ONE BOAT

THE most promising phase of current debate on agricultural problems is the increasing disposition of competent observers to question all plans that contemplate a betterment of the farmers' position in advance of improvement that will react with equal benefit upon the cities. There is decidedly less disposition now to believe the federal government can help the rural producer to lift himself by his own bootstraps.

The contrary belief was fostered, in great measure, by the labors of a perniciously active group of Middle and Far Western senators, who held the balance of power in the upper house of Congress and foisted upon that body dubious experiments that were championed by themselves or by factions in the rural districts. The Farm Board was the most ambitious of these. Its outstanding failure was its vain endeavor to stabilize prices at arbitrary levels fixed by the board and its supporters.

Having wasted several hundred million dollars in that ill-fated campaign, the inclination now is to backtrack in an effort to find some practical solution of the country's general economic problem. This involves relief for unemployment in the cities as much as it does an advance in farm products.

Joining of these two issues makes the problem more complex. It is true, but broad recognition of the coordinate character of the various elements in it constitutes the best possible assurance that whatever is attempted will bring results beneficial to the entire country. A real step forward has been made through official recognition of the fact that farmers cannot expect betterment in their condition except as circumstances improve in the cities.

UNTHINKABLE

IN a letter published on this page today, Philip Tworoger sharply criticizes The Times for showing "confidence in the intentions of Adolf Hitler" with respect to the Jews in Germany, and confesses himself unable to understand how a newspaper priding itself on an understanding of world conditions and a broad tolerance on questions pertaining to race and religion would dare to assume that the "persecution" propaganda has not been entirely truthful.

Mr. Tworoger requests that his letter be published for the special purpose of "letting the people of Seattle understand the actual conditions." He seems so sure of his

own understanding as to invite the currently popular question, "Was you there?" But The Times' faith that the American Department of State is perhaps as well informed as Mr. Tworoger remains unshaken. The editorial to which he takes exception was based wholly upon State Department reassurances.

But, says Mr. Tworoger, "does The Times for a moment assume that our diplomatic representatives to Berlin would be informed of what is going on behind the scenes?" Quite surely they would. If the persecutions were of the kind or were carried to the extent that Mr. Tworoger implies, they could not be kept "behind the scenes" anywhere. The State Department's advices were not from Berlin alone, but also from the offices of every consul and consular agent in Germany. Apart from official assurances, the Associated Press and other dependable news agencies have made it quite clear that the graver apprehensions voiced by Mr. Tworoger are unwarranted.

The Times has expressed no high degree of confidence in Mr. Hitler; his rule is new and experimental, and the time to pass judgment has not arrived. There is no doubt that his government is determined to repress Communism and to check Communist "atrocity" propaganda; but that it would deliberately arouse the hostility of the civilized world by ruthless persecution and outrage, such as Mr. Tworoger tries to depict, is incredible—just now unthinkable.

Chicago youngsters "struck" because their teachers were unpaid. Next, we may expect the small boy to get peeved when his school burns down.

A Spokane court sent a "joyrider" to the Monroe reformatory for nine months. Is it possible someone really is taking that law seriously?

FROM THE TIMES 20 YEARS AGO

April 7, 1913 The Sixty-first Congress convened at Washington.

Details of the new Democratic tariff were announced, showing extensive reductions in rates. American outposts descended on the national capital to demand an amendment to the Constitution giving their sex the right to vote.

The Seattle City Council voted to submit to the electors a proposal for a municipal telephone system.

Spurred on by public demand, the Seattle Police Department launched a drive against auto speeders.

NORTHWEST 25 YEARS AGO

April 7, 1908 PORT ORCHARD—The corner stone was laid for the Old Soldiers' Home here with Gen. G. W. Tibbitts, superintendent of the Orting home, in charge of the ceremonies.

SEATTLE—Councilman F. O. Berg introduced an ordinance for the licensing and examination of automobile drivers here as a result of much reckless driving on the city streets.

SEATTLE—William Rasmussen, athletic manager at the University of Washington, used \$5 of his own money to buy a bottle of champagne used in christening the new coaching launch after hearing coeds of "dirty" tendencies were against using student funds for the beverage.

SENTENCE SERMONS

Nothing Can Defeat—A man so quickly as his own ungoverned passions. The man who does not know when he is whipped. The cause that has justice for its foundation. The nation that is out to make friendships. Those who are determined to be their best. The man who will not admit that he is unfortunate. The cause of righteousness without upsetting the universe.

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT GUM LOOK FOR THE RED TAPE OPENER

LENENTON DEVOTION

FRIDAY, April 7 Read Psalm 90:12-17) Counting Our Days Our days are really to be counted by their experiences, numbered by their meaning for our lives. Memory has its own calendar in which some days are unforgettable, other days lost in gray dimness. The heart has its calendar. We remember what we have loved or rejoiced in; the anniversary days of birth and death, the days in which we found or lost a friend. Our days are really numbered in what we make of them and what they make of us, numbered by growth in mind and spirit, by good deeds done and high service rendered, by true success and sometimes failure. The numbered squares on our calendars are useful, but the real measure of time is somewhere else, in what it has made of our souls. That is what time is for.

LETTERS FROM TIMES READERS

OUR WOEFUL IGNORANCE

Editor The Times: In a recent issue of The Times there appeared an editorial entitled "No Persecution," the writer of which showed a degree of confidence in the good intentions of Adolf Hitler, the present chancellor of Germany, and the Nazi, which might be called astounding by some and a touching confidence in human nature by others.

How an editorial of this nature could appear in a paper priding itself on its ability to understand world conditions and its intolerance on all questions pertaining to race and religion is something the writer is unable to understand. Does The Times for a moment assume that the German government would admit that there was any organized persecution or that the public representatives to Berlin would be informed of what is going on behind the scenes?

We had a great number of these denials in Russia during the pogroms in 1905 and again in 1911. The same kind of official denials were made by the then Russian government, but in 1895 Theodore Roosevelt happened to be President of the United States and in 1911 there was still enough of the Roosevelt spirit left in the administration not to believe all they were told, but a real investigation was made and the truth arrived at. If The Times is very anxious for the information, there are a number of pictures to be had in Seattle showing some of the scenes which occurred in Germany.

To say that Hitler would not allow any organized persecution of the Jews indicates that the writer of the editorial is woefully ignorant of the history of German politics. Had he taken the trouble to inform himself he would have readily discovered from the files of The Seattle Times during the last six years that the Nazi, as the National Socialists are called, are organized on the principle of anti-Semitism. One of the planks in their "platform," if I may use that term, is their opposition to Jews—to either drive them out of Germany entirely or disfranchise them and deprive them of their rights as citizens. A little history would also have informed the writer of the editorial that German anti-Semitism is far more cruel than Russian anti-Semitism. German anti-Semitism is based upon opposition to the Semitic race as such, irrespective of whether the individual happens to be an unobservant Jew—one who though born a Jew does not observe Judaism—or whether he and his immediate progenitors were converts to Christianity.

The following dispatch from Breslau, Germany, which appeared in The Times on March 30, may possibly enlighten the writer a little on that point: "The chief of police today ordered all citizens of Jewish faith or formerly of Jewish faith to deliver their passports to police by April 2. The order has the double purpose of halting the export of atrociously propagandist and shipment of German funds abroad."

Russian anti-Semitism was purely religious in its aspect and while there were pogroms and persecutions, they were temporary. For the greater portion of the time the Jews and non-Jews live peacefully side by side and it is only when the government arouses the passions of the ignorant peasantry that pogroms and persecutions took place.

I hope for the sake of letting the people of Seattle understand the actual conditions that The Times will do me the courtesy of publishing this letter. —PHILIP TWOROGER.

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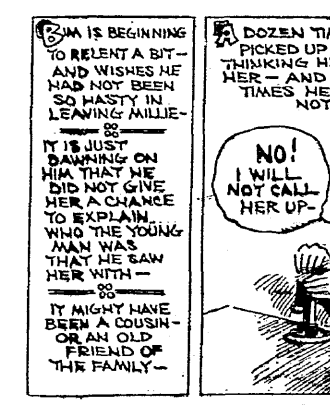
I DESIRE you should know, along with that of many other of the readers of The Seattle Daily Times, my appreciation of your editorial, "Encouraging," that appeared in the Friday, March 31, issue. The sincere, disinterested and efficient endeavor to honestly administer our public institutions and enterprises should have the active, whole-hearted support of every loyal individual, civic organization and press of our community. The people will receive just that administration, good or bad, of their institutions that they elect and put up with. Especially in times like the present, those who are endeavoring to conduct our public affairs rightly, and within our human limitations, are achieving, need the active interest and encouragement of all.

I am pleased to note your support of those who are giving of their best to the administration of Harborview Hospital. —TALLADGE HAMILTON.

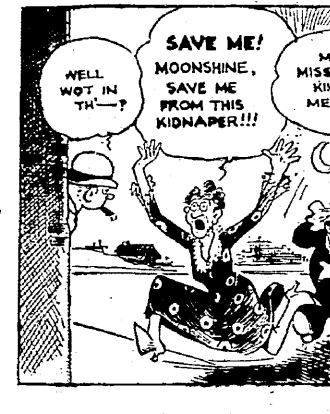
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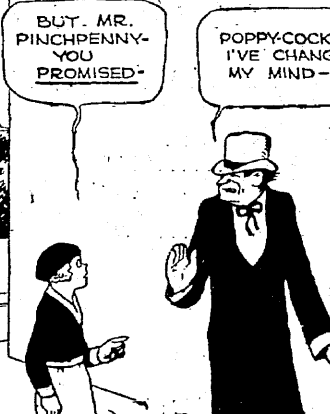
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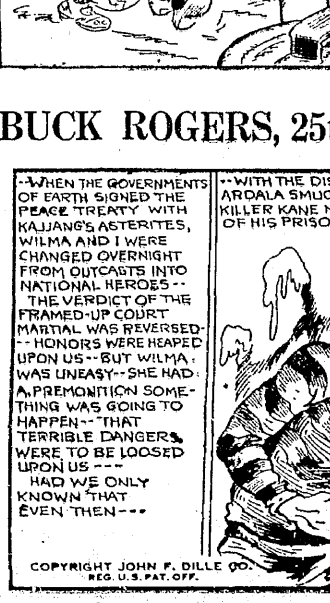
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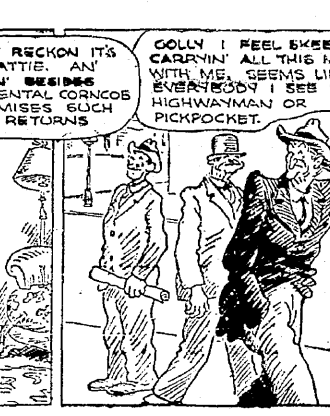
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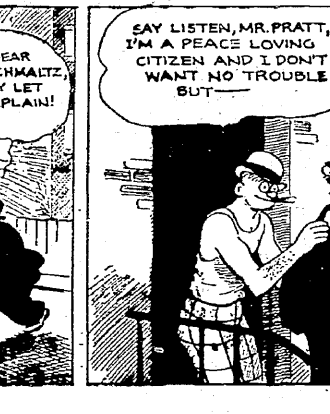
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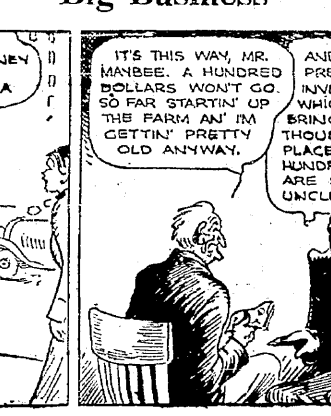
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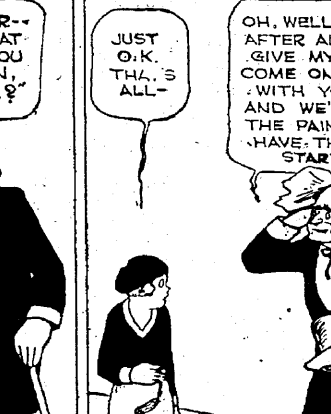
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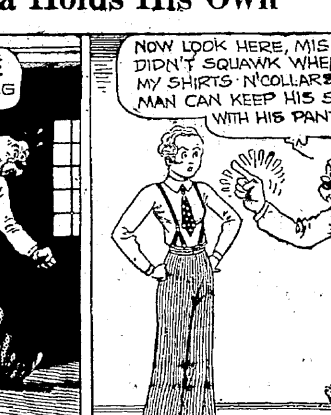
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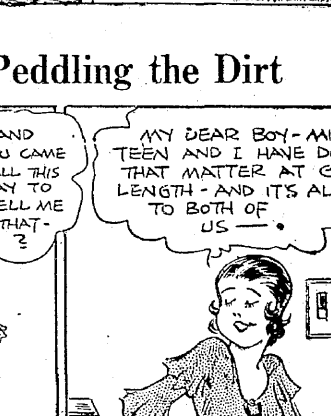
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