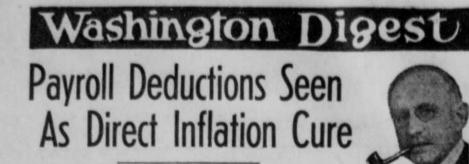
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'Seven Keys to Economic Security' Won't **Carry War-Cost Load Unless American** Public Takes Voluntary Precautions.

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The war may cost Mr. John Q. Taxpayer an extra seventy-five billion dollars-\$75,000,090,000 (written that way it looks more like what it really is.) If it does, it will mean that this country will go through a depression that will make the black '30s look like a June day.

That is the warning sounded by the Office of War Information.

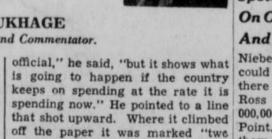
All we have to do to realize this is to look back to the period of the rose 63 per cent between 1914 and Armistice day, 1918-and kept right | to redeem them." on going up for nearly two years. Those were the days of 67-cent butter and 92-cents-a-dozen eggs. Then came the crash. Hundreds of thousands of farmers lost their lands. Five million workers lost their jobs.

The cost of the war was partly to blame, of course. When other prices went up, the war-cost increased by 131/2 billions. On that basis, it is estimated that if prices run away now, it will mean a 75billion dollar rise in the war debt.

This time, of course, the government has tried to put on the brakes, but the brakes are already smoking. The seven "keys to economic security"-the checks on the cost of living are all right, but they won't hold the load unless the public takes certain voluntary precautions. If it doesn't, stricter regulation must come. Some are bound to come anyhow.

Let's look at those seven keys and see if they are really locking the door against inflation.

The first is "tax heavily"-keep personal and corporate profits at a and salaries are high. The current tax law, although it is better than perts in Washington.



hundred billion dollars." That is what our war debt will be. "The only way to stop it," he said,

"is to get hold of this spending money at the source. Payroll deductions. That money has got to be put away-some of the deductions will go to pay taxes, some into last war, when the cost of living bonds that will be redeemable when the government decides it is time

# Britain's Method

He went on to explain that out of what Great Britain and Canada spend on the war effort, they finance one-half through taxes. We finance only one-fourth through taxes. They borrow the other one-half-and of the amount borrowed, two-thirds is borrowed from the public and onethird from the banks. We borrow two-thirds of what we do borrow from the public.

When you borrow from the pubfunds, which is inflationary."

take all we've got?" "The new tax law is better than into high public office. it looked at first," he answered, "but

it falls far short of touching the funds - the pay-envelope fundswhich are the chief cause of inflation. Under the new law there will reasonable rate. Well, you have to be 27,000,000 taxpayers. In 1940 there define "reasonable." Profits, wages were 3,896,000 taxpayers. Of the new taxpayers, so many are spending their money at such a rapid expected by many persons, does not | rate they will not possibly be able do the job, according to fiscal ex- to pay their taxes. They will become tax delinquent."



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TEW YORK. - With the gold standard sidetracked by a strong-arm economy all over the world, Nellie Tayloe Ross, director, Spotlight Swinging of the mint, was becom-

On Our Gold Cache ing the for-And Director Ross gotten wom-

Niebelungen legend, old Phafnir could only sit on his Rhein gold and there wasn't much more for Mrs. Ross to do with our frozen \$23,000,-

000,000 horde at Fort Knox and West Point. But there are signs of a thaw, and gold may be moving again in considerable quantities. Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took a

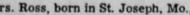
considerable supply of \$20 gold nieces to Africa. Never in history has a sound

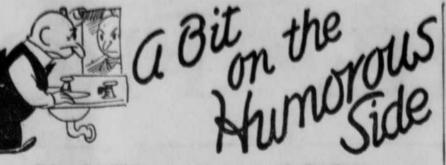
gold coin lost its sheen or its allure, and since expediency is now uppermost in our world diplomacy, as it is always in wartime, it won't hurt Uncle Sam to be known as the old gent with \$23,000,000,000 in his buckskin wallet. Just now, with staff and scrip, he fares far in hungry lands where gold pieces clink and click more convincingly than a thesis on managed economy. And, traditionally, he is apt to say, "This is on me."

Mrs. Ross won't decree new gold coinage or deploy strategic gold pieces to help win the war, and from the banks and only one-third there is no suggestion that we will buy our way through.

Suffrage is now 24 years old and lic," this very earnest official con- Mrs. Ross, first woman governor of tinued, "you cut down the amount of an American state when she was money that is used for spending and elected to succeed her deceased husbidding up prices. When you borrow band in Wyoming in 1925, was out in from a bank, you really create new front with Mabel Willebrandt, Ruth Bryan Owen, Frances Perkins, "What about the present tax Grace Abbott and other capable law?" I asked, "Isn't that going to women who, presumably were to lead a growing phalanx of women

> Women now have more than one-third of the votes, and their public offices have not come along in that proportion, but Mrs. Ross has stayed on as director of the mint since April, 1933. War has complicated her problems in many ways. War wages boom juke boxes and the way juke boxes wolf nickels is nobody's business.





**Prime** Condition "You haven't looked so well for years, old man! "Ah, it's the exercise I get, tossing

about in bed at night worrying about the business.

Curious Lad Golfer-Dear, dear. I'm certainly not playing the game I used to play!

Caddie (disgustedly) - What game was that?

The way some secretaries type the boss' letters is a triumph of mind over mutter.

**Caught Him** "MacPhersin's a cheat, and I'm not goin' to play golf with him

again."

"How's that?" "Well, how could he have lost his ball a yard from the green daughter, Miss when it was in my pocket?"

In Duplicate

Barber-Well, my little man, how do you wish to have your hair cut?

Little Man-I'd like it cut just like my daddy's, and please don't forget to leave that little round cian. I also paint and sketch. I hole on the top where his head am a publisher. I am a violinist comes through.

# Asking for Trouble

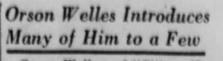
The door of the ladies' hairdressing shop opened and in came a meek-looking little man. One of the assistants approached him.

"What can I have the pleasureshe cooed. "Er-could you spare me a blonde hair for my shoulder?" he stammered.

associated Bell telephone compa-"I want to make my wife jealous." nies serve 7,128 communities having 18,841,000 telephones, while Fell for Her 6,350 independent companies serve

"Fortune knocks at least once at every man's door."

"That may be. But it was her addition, there are more than Fortune, who 60,000 connecting rural lines owned called on me." by groups of farmers.



Orson Welles, of "Citizen Kane" fame, once gave a small town lecture. There were but few listeners and no chairman present. So he up and introduced himself in the following fashion:

can produce something as grand "I am a director of plays," he said. "I am a producer of plays. as anything heard at a symphony concert. An example: Lincoln's I am an actor on the legitimate Gettysburg address. stage. I am a writer of motion pictures. I am a producer of mo-tion pictures. I am a motion-

**Our Telephones** 

so few of you?"

Well-bred people are a delight, and often an object of envy. picture actor. I write, direct, and We delight to indulgently smile act for the radio. I am a magi-

Uncle Phil

We Offer the 23rd Psalm

Our language, used by an artist,

Says:

over the peculiarities of the friends we love.

and a pianist. Isn't it a shame The only fun worth having is the kind that is still funny when you get up the that there are so many of me and next morning.

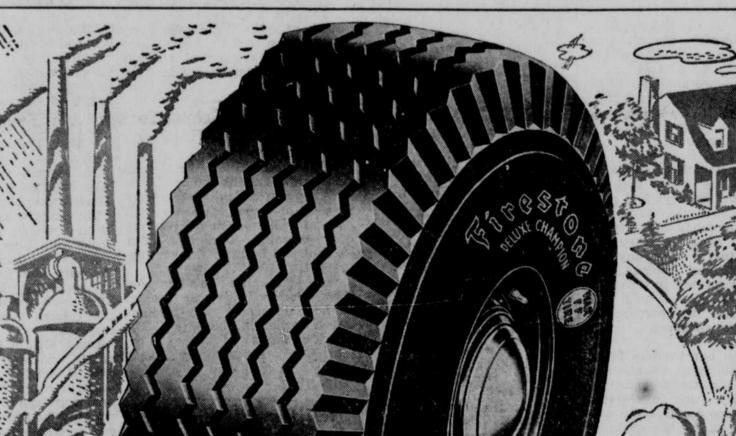
### It's So Exciting, Too!

Since millions enjoy headlines more than any other part of the In this country today, the 25 newspaper, why not try one that is mostly headlines?

It is often easier for a woman to hold a strong man than her own tongue.

Beauty is only skin deep, an 12,072 communities having 4,609,often the look of wisdom, also. 000 telephones, reports Collier's. In Usually a narrow-minded mat

doesn't care if he is, and you can' shame him in that.



The next "key" is the price ceilings.

According to Price Administrator Henderson, the cost of price-controlled foods fell seven-tenths of 1 per cent in the two months after May, 1942, while uncontrolled foods went up 7.3 per cent. Now all prices are "stabilized," but last month in order to assure maximum food production, the ceiling on farm wages was raised and a bloc in congress began agitating for a rise in the ceiling on farm prices. Certain civilian manufactured goods are caught between the ceiling and the cost of raw materials and may burst the bounds, too.

#### Wage Standardization

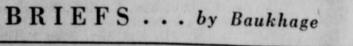
The next brake on inflation is stabilization of wages. That was achieved by the freezing of wages, but allowances had to be made for the people not getting a living wage. Then the labor shortage in war industries made it necessary to call I entered an office presided over by upon women to fill the gap, and women had to get the same pay for the same work, which seems fair Furniture of mahogany and mellow enough. That put more money into pocketbooks-and, of course, put more people on payrolls.

Another stabilization move was rationing certain commodities. That, of course, is effective as far as it goes, but it covers a limited field.

Then there were the voluntary measures-which haven't worked so vulgar world of finance was the well and which provide the real muted sound of the Dow-Jones outlet for the possible boost in all ticker. costs in spite of the artificial checks. Citizens were urged to buy war bonds, to save their money instead of buying things they didn't need, to pay off their old debts and refrain from making new ones.

So far voluntary methods have not been successful. There is a limit to which a democratic country can go in regulating the lives of the people. It was hard enough to get the nationwide gasoline rationing through, but finally it was accepted. Perhaps haired matron. when the public "understands" it Lost in these thoughts, I heard will be willing to save instead of spend, but financial experts in and formed Negro sentry (who remindout of the government predict that | ed me of a White House footman) compulsory savings is the next key | had been saying, "Mr. Morgan," (or on the list.

Recently I talked with a hardheaded official. He does not direct have done it with greater dignity. the fiscal policy of the government, but he is indirectly concerned with after fighting my way past sentries. national finance. He picked up a guards and policemen to get into the chart on his desk. "This is not War Production board.



supply of wool.

a dead boy."

. . .

In the High Plains section of the | It takes 199 pounds of wool, or country-part of what some people | the fleeces from exactly 26 sheep, to called the "dust-bowl"-some 60,000 outfit a soldier for the first year. Beirut to become a clerk in the families are not only supporting Fortunately, the United Nations conthemselves on their reclaimed land, trol over 90 per cent of the world but are growing food and feed crops that are vital to our fight for victory.

the fine feathers and down the country can supply.

Rock in a Weary Land-Federal Reserve Building

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There is one building in hectic Washington which stands like a rock in a weary land—an oasis of calm and quiet in the desert of tumult and shouting. It is the Federal Reserve building.

I called there recently and the moment I put my hand on the doorknob I felt an atmosphere of serenity, an almost British solicitude and decorum, as the uniformed guard leapt up and opened the door. He didn't ask for my press pass. He said: "How can I help you, Sir?" The elevator man bowed me into the car. When I approached the

guard in the anteroom of the offices of the board members, he arose and bade me welcome. I began to feel very small as I

walked along the wide corridor with high ceilings. Voices were hushed. a dignified secretary, a noiseless typewriter and a tickless telechron. leather. Even the file cases suggested period pieces. The walls were

der. The kind, I am informed, which are used in psychopathic wards to was no need for such a sedative there, for the only suggestion of the

As I sat waiting for my appointment, dropping the ashes of my plebian eigar into a beautiful receptacle which doubtless had collected the residue of many a Corona Co-

ceilings. I suddenly felt that I should sers. The delicate hint of lavender in the gray panels was like the faint tint, a soupcon of which brings added charm to the coiffure of a silver-

my name announced. If the uni-"General Lee"), "the chairman will be glad to see you, Sir," he couldn't Frankly, I enjoyed it thoroughly

in 1877, of Tennessee and Kentucky stock, met her future husband, William Bradford Ross, in Paris, Tenn. He went to Wyoming for his health, opened a law office and went to Omaha and married Miss Tayloe. Their twin boys, George and Ambrose, are grown, and George was a Rhodes scholar. Mrs. Ross has said she never had

any interest or training in politics until she was elected governor, but found that experience as a housewife had been a pretty fair preparation for keeping things in order. By all accounts, she has done a most satisfactory job in running the mint. Each year she alertly supervises the "opening of the pyx." Pyx is Greek for strong box, in this instance a two-by-four oak case in which are deposited 2,000 coins, representative of the year's coinage. In this an-

cient custom, Mrs. Ross passes on each coin for weight and fineness. That sounds housewifely.

THE job of building our political fences in the Middle East falls to George Wadsworth, career diplomat, one-time schoolmate and life-

gray with a hidden touch of laven-der The kind Law information of Col. Wil-Countries, Knowing liam J. Donquiet the nerves. However, there The Political Score nel Donovan's diplomatic maneuvering was crossed up a bit by state department and OWI plans but may be working again. Mr. Wadsworth takes a swing trick down along the highway to Bagdad, as America's first diplomatic representative to Syria

and Lebanon. Recalling Robert D. Murphy's recent spectacular success in softening up North Africa for rona, and gazed at the walls and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, it is interesting to see another veteran be wearing tails and striped trou- diplomat of this same general region at work in one of the last gaps in the ring around the Nazis.

When Mr. Wadsworth became Egyptian golf champion in 1930, without impairment of diplomatic standing, it was noted that he must be a good diplomat as in his profession one is supposed not to win too handily in bridge or golf. At any rate, he moved smoothly through various Mediterranean consular posts to charge d'affaires at Rome in 1941, with a steadily accruing reputation for both sagacity and diplomatic finesse. Mr. Wadsworth is an erudite but

practical person. He formerly was a teacher at the University of Beirut, with a master of arts degree. He is a diligent student of middle eastern history and politics. Back in 1917, he resigned his

teaching post at the University of Beirut consulate. That led soon thereafter to his first diplomatic post as consul at Nantes, France. In the succeeding years he served at At Fort MacArthur, Calif., the Constantinople, Alexandria, Cairo, The army and the navy needs all camp paper reports they are saying: Teheran, Bucharest, Jerusalem and "All work and no play makes JAP Rome.



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