GOVERNMENT QUITS

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Over Billion and Three

Quarters in Taxes

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Governmental operation of Ameri-

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BRIBERY OF THE STATES

President Coolidge, in discussing the budget, attacked the system of Congress giving federal aid to states, conditioned upon the state legislature or the people voting as much more money for the project.

He pointed out that estimates were called for more than \$109,-000,000 for highways, boats, naval and harbor improvements, naval bases and even fortifications, providing the states raised as much more money.

As a matter of fact, no more pernicious system of doubling up appropriations and burdening the people with high taxes and bond issues, has ever been invented.

It is employed extensively in framing so-called uplift legislation, agricultural college and state university extension work, giving so much to each state or county if the state or county will raise as much more. It is a system that, once inaugurated, leaves the states and

their subdivisions against the pressure and demands of paternalistic officialism that wants to spend the money. President Coolidge spoke of this system of federal subsidies a single receipt for their joint con- governmental operation. Had we

while other authorities use stronger terms such as "bribery" and "political hijacking." Under one of these laws, the federal government sent the

governor of Maine \$5,000 to spend on maternity care in one city and he promptly returned the check with a letter that is classic. Massachusetts refused similar appropriations from the federal golden rule day observance. government showing that for every dollar received, it took \$18 additional taxes out of the people.

WHY A GASOLINE TAX?

Motor clubs and owners of automobiles throughout Illinois are organizing to oppose the two-cent gasoline tax proposed in a bill introduced in the Illinois state legislature. There seems to be no good reason for this additional tax on owners of cars, who already are paying millions of dollars each year into the state treasury by means of license fees. And it has been again declared by state highway officials that these fees are sufficient to pay off the hard road bonds and provide for the maintenance of these roads without any direct tax on real or personal property. The state auto. license fees for 1924 totalled more than \$11,500,000 and will be more for 1925. The automobile owners of the state in 1924 used about 700,000,000 gallons of gasoline. At two cents a gallon the tax on this would amount to \$14,000,000. Anticipated federal aid appropriations for Illinois highways for 1925 would amount to \$2,500,000.

Adding together the totals of state license fees, federal appropriations and the proposed gasoline tax-estimated total for the state makes a grand total of \$28,200,000 for state roads for one year. Why, when it has been time and again declared that the license fees alone are sufficient to pay off the road bonds and maintain the roads? Maintenance of the state hard roads, it has been estimated by the highway department, will cost about \$1,-404,000 a year, and here come the legislators with a gasoline tax rule, will bring peace, prosperity, probill to raise more than \$14,000,000. Why this insatiable desire gress and good will to that land where to get more and more of the people's money to spend? The state has been assured again and again that there would be no "pork of almost ceaseless worfare and barrel" methods in state highway construction. Then why the strife. gasoline tax?

Owners of motor driven vehicles should protest promptly and strongly to their representatives in both branches of the Illinois legislature against this unnecessary addition to their tax burden.

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REPORTS SHOW RESULTS

Committee States More Than Million Dollars Realized By The Orphanage Dinner Plan

Golden Rule Sunday, which was travelers and shippers of America observed throughout the United were obliged to meet because of in-States on December 7th, brought \$1,- | different service and extraordinary 129,288 into the treasury of the Near high rates can hardly be estimated. East relief, according to a report just It can be fairly said that this addiissued by the national golden rule tional burden will come near equalcommittee. This represents about ling the actual toll of American dolone-fifth of the total cash budget lars paid out by the government, necessary for the coming year.

which the taxpayers had to meet. The report adds: "The widespread | President Coolidge in announcing observance of the day on behalf of the dissolution of the governmental the orphan children in Bible lands is war-time operation organization did indicated by the fact that 72,968 re- not attempt to conceal his satisfacceipts were issued during the month tion at being able to relieve the of December. All individual receipts American people of this extraordinary frequently represented hundreds of burden. Staggering as these totals contributors. For instance, 14,000 are the one element of satisfaction is school children in Milwaukee received that happily we only embarked on tribution. Many other receipts were been driven into government ownerissued to churches, clubs, civic organ- ship, which was the real aim of many izations and local committees. It is people at the time, the total loss of not unreasonable to assume that fully the people's money would have been a million people contributed to the many times over the present figure, Near East relief as a part of their impressive as that is. A study of the

Two Objectives "There are two distinct objectives in efficiency, should serve to check in the observance of golden rule Sun- the gentlemen, who, devoid of any day. One is financial and the other, personal responsibility, have been more far-reaching, is educational and preaching governmental operation of

"It is too early yet to tabulate com- to secure the millennium for Ameripletely the financial results of the can citizens. observance for the reason that a large part of the financial returns are being LEADS FIGHT ON made through various local and state organizations. Mcreover the golden rule principle is now so permeating the whole organization and activities of Near East relief and inspiring contributions throughout the year that it is impracticable to determine just what funds are stimulated by the golden rule campaign and what funds are contributed independently. During the forty days following Dec. 7th, \$1,129,388 was received.

In Terms of Bread life and hope, this million dollars American specialists. scends all valuation in dollars and eye surgery. cents. It means life for many thousands of children, the potential wars have sprung and which, for centuries, has been the center and source

"Of vastly greater importance than any financial return, is the spiritual and educational significance of this annual campaign, both upon the children of the Near East and upon the children and older contributors of this and other lands, who thus express true religion in terms of practical service. Even the homes of America cannot but be richer for this annual expression of unselfishness. This annual day devoted to plain living, high thinking, self-examination and readjustment must necessarily build up the character of the individual and the community.

Goodwill Aid

"This annual observance, as has been pointed out, is also an inevitable contribution toward international goodwill and world peace. If the golden rule can be made a universal precept in the lives of individuals composing the nations of the world, there can be no war. When people break bread together, they become friends. On this annual golden rule Sunday, citizens of all nations gather figuratively around one common table, think the same thoughts and enter into a new realization of their mutual inheritance in the inspiring brotherncod of all mankind."

REMEMBERS 10,000 BIRTHDAYS READILY

Alex. Johnson of Los Angeles Is Unique in Memory Faculty; Never Forgets

Alexander "Birthday" Johnson, the man of 10,000 dates, carries in his head more birthdays than any man alive, which accounts for his chronological nickname. It is a hobby of his to mail birthday cards to hundreds of his friends, his cards going all over the country.

"Birthday" says he knows the date of birth of between 9,000 and 10,000 people. Once he hears a date it becomes fixed in his memory.

He is chairman of the birthday committee of the Kiwanis club of Los

NANSEN TO VISIT ARMENIA SHORTLY

Dr. Fritzjof Nansen will shortly leave Geneva to visit the work of the American Near East Relief in Russion Armenia. He will inspect general economic conditions in Armenia to determine whether the league of nations should assist the proposed transfer of several thousand Armenian refugees from Greece.

Friday and Saturday

can railways has ceased. The books have been closed and the American people, in taxes alone, have paid substantially one and three-quarter billions of dollars for the experiment. The additional

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Dr. Hugh O. Turrentine of Little Rock, Ark., has been appointed by the ear East Relief to have charge of th or ranization's fight against eye dis es among children in Russion

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public utilities as the one sure way

DISEASES OF EYE

Trachoma, the eye disease which is the scourge of the Near_East, has been made a special subject of attack by the American committee, and thousands of cases of incipient blindness have been averted by the meth-"Translated into terms of bread, ods of treatment and cure devised by

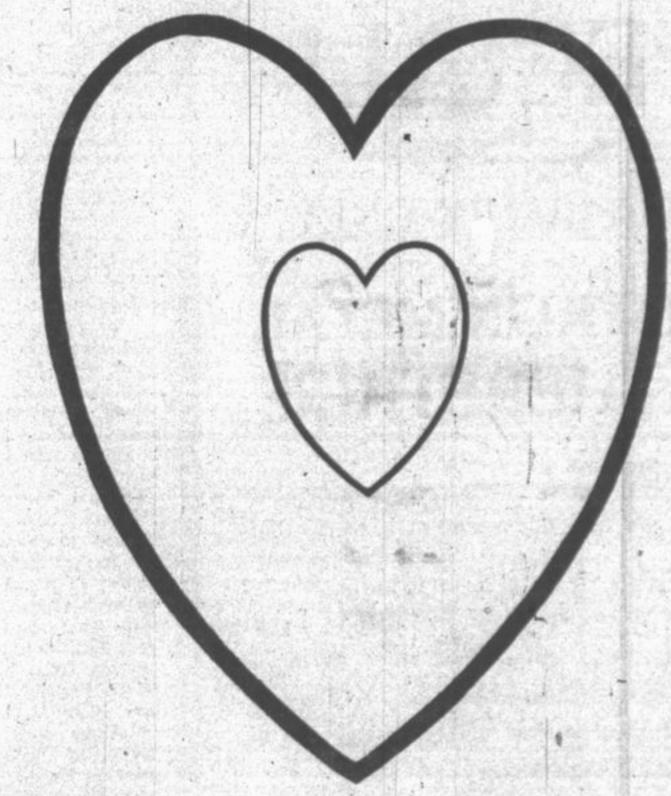
means twenty million loaves of bread This important work will now be for those who would otherwise have centralized under Dr. Turrentine, none. It means life and the expres- who is widely known in America as sion of human brotherhood that tran- the inventor of instruments used in

Families with treasured cherry leaders of the new Near East, who, trees and some active kids will be trained in the idealism of the golden glad to get by Washington's birthday

Hearts

In the game of life hearts will be trump on Saturday, February 14th.

Prizes awarded successful players should be Valentines.



Do you still love your wife? If so, bring to her a box of fine candy. Pay \$1.50 or even \$2.00 if necessary, but make it a good one to show your continued affection. I certainly would like to make the sale, but even if you do not buy of me, be sure to remember that box of candy.

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