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In one way the German U-boat warfare is a success. It is holding American ships in port and the result of the threat is to accomplish a virtual blockade of the Atlantic coast. What the United States can do to avoid this, short of actual war with Germany remains to be seen.

The manufacturers of news paper are coming off their high horse now that the government is threatening criminal prosecution. We like to see this prosecution started. The manufacturers now wish to compromise and to reduce prices to a figure that will save the publishers of the United States \$30,000,000.

Right now is a pretty good time for the farmer to take inventory and order the supplies he will need this spring and summer. It's mighty unhandy to have to send to town in the busy season for some missing bit of farm equipment.

Henry Ford has bought a steam yacht. He will find running this more expensive than running a Ford car.

Spring ploughing will soon be here. The deep plougher will get the crops.

Preacher Takes Up Cudgel For England's Unmarried Women

BY J. W. PEGLER (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

London, Feb. 1.—(By Mail)—"England has a surplus of more than a million unmarried women. The flower of the empire's manhood are crippled or dead.

"What are you single men going to do about it?" Around this blunt question, with its complex moral issues, Rev. A. J. Waldron has built a vaudeville play, acting the leading role himself. Waldron is the only British clergyman who has tackled the great post-war problem of repopulation.

Standing toe-to-toe with the issues, Waldron deals in plain words and leaves his audience wondering whether the old social order cannot stand a

drastic revision for the national good. In his dressing room Waldron lit a cigarette and poured himself a glass of whisky.

"Forty-three per cent of the British clergymen, young, lusty and of high mental standard are unmarried," he said. "What will they do to restore the national vigor?"

"But they couldn't wipe out the surplus of unmarried women. I could suggest a solution for that, but, I dare not."

Pendleton Theater Dea.

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 19.—(Special)—E. L. Cooper has purchased the interests of J. B. Welch in the Temple theater.

Dr. Gregory Tells Why Men Drink

New York, Feb. 19.—(United Press)—"Men drink," said Dr. Menas P. Gregory, one of the alienists who declared Harry Thaw insane. "To escape the realities of life. And the only way to cure the drink habit is to divert the drinking impulse to another channel. A man can and will get drunk on altruism, mysticism just as much as on whisky if you can turn his impulse in that direction. All a drink cure can do is unpoison the system. It can't cure the impulse to drink. Alcohol has done much to develop the social instinct in man, but it has outgrown its use in that regard and we should now have countrywide prohibition."

Save The Babies

The baby's bottle should be boiled and filled with sterile water after using; also boiled ten minutes before using. Boil the milk before using in summer. It kills germs. Milk should be boiled in separate feeding bottles after it is prepared. It is easier to fix the entire day's supply at once. How to pasteurize milk for the baby will be told tomorrow.

Taxing Success is the Latest Proposal Before Congress

Taxing Success—War Taxes—Opposition of Business—Hiding Behind Preparedness—Extravagance Uncurbed.

(The Bache Review, New York.)

Congress is about to make a levy on the business brains and energy of the country, so that the enormous extravagance with which government is conducted will be paid for by a few, and the great body of voters upon whom the Congressmen depend for re-election, will not be touched. They have also opened the way so that no matter how much they may increase their expenditures, the same single class of people will pay for them.

In the bill which is proposed, there is an intimation that in this country business profits of 8 per cent. are sufficient, after \$5,000 has been earned. This intimation is conveyed in the provisions under which all concerns, after a flat exemption of the first \$5,000 in the profits of corporations and partnerships, are allowed to earn 8 per cent per annum on the capital invested, without taxation. All amounts earned over that are to be taxed. The rate at first is to be 8 per cent per annum. But this percentage is liable to be increased next year, and the year after that, until it would not be improbable to have business men paying in one-half of all they make in these so-called excess profits.

This seems to be a favorite Democratic method of establishing a bag, to be filled by the competent people of the country only, and to which a greedy, tax-consuming Congress may go for a larger and large amount of plunder.

From this hold-up, the agricultural classes are exempted; also the professional classes. Labor, of course, is exempt.

The Income Tax is a glaring example of this sort of class discrimination. Less than 4-100 of all the people pay it. At first the entering wedge was at one per cent. Now a law has recently been passed which is retroactive, doubling the amount of the levy. This year, for instance, two per cent will be collected on the incomes of 1916, instead of the former one per cent. Further increase is at the mercy of reckless extravagant politicians.

War Taxes.

As for this Revenue bill, it is not such an impossible thing to imagine that the 8 per cent, now levied will be almost at once increased. At the present writing, when the country is on the verge of serious developments, the significance of this becomes doubly important. Here is an arranged siphon to draw from our most successful people, and those only, the funds to pay, let us say, for the expenses of a war.

In Europe, the war budget is supplied by heavy tax on excess profits, but excess there applies only to munition-makers and others reaping special benefit from the war, and the "excess profits" there mean only those which, after deducting ordinary profits as established before the war, are left over.

This Excess Profits Tax bill is being carried through and will be promptly passed, if possible. The people who make the nation's business seem to have no way of using the great power which they might exercise if they were properly organized.

Opposition of Business.

The bill is outrageous and indefensible, and business men should rise all over the country against it. The United States Chamber of Commerce is the proper organization to act. If they would send out a referendum, it would be demonstrated what disapproval business men give to this unjust and dishonest scheme. But it may be too late for this. Here is where labor organizations have the better of the Chamber of Commerce. Their officers are authorized to act quickly in the interest of labor, and they do it. The Merchants' Association here is receiving many letters from intelligent business men expressing strong disapproval of the proposed tax. One of them says he believes that the people at Washington consider all business to be exemplified in its profit-making by the U. S. Steel Corporation, the Bethlehem Steel Co. and the

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Standard Oil Co. Another writes: "It seems to us that this sort of special tax is vicious, if not wholly unconstitutional. It strikes at the source of American business energy and acumen, intending to drag all business, regardless of the hazards involved, to the same general level." They say that such a distribution of profits of the government will check distribution of profits among the workers employed.

This is the third direct tax, which adds the largest burden to the smallest percentage of the people—the Income tax being the second, and the Special Corporation tax the first. The other two tax movements have met with so little opposition from the people bearing the burden that the appetites of the politicians have been whetted to a remarkable degree. The country is losing all thought of reasonable equality in taxation, and the politicians are deliberately leading us into an era of settled class discrimination, exempting the great body of citizens from bearing any of the burden. Nine-tenths of the voters who should be responsible for the imposition of any tax have no part in it, and insistence upon such a thing as administrative economy is never thought of under these circumstances. (To be continued tomorrow.)

Mrs. Oliver Writes of the Finley Pictures.

To the Public:—Having seen the Finley pictures and heard his lecture, I am asked by the committee of the Neighborhood Club in charge to write something of the nature of this entertainment.

I suggest that when you see these pictures you let imagination captivate you, while you join Mr. Finley in a stroll among Nature's finest ornaments, the feathered tribes. Whether you take this journey for the purpose of education or entertainment, you will be equally satisfied. Scenes will be thrown on the screen that will make you wonder where instinct ends and reason begins. If you are fond of the dramatic, no stronger picture will be seen than that of the mother bird protecting her babies when the Game Warden approaches her, wishing to take one of the little ones in his hand. You will see romance and bird quarrels. If you are a member of the Hunt Club, you will be delighted to see the game birds in their haunts and showing their habits.

The animal pictures are equally interesting. One of the interesting features is the work done by the second machine, showing Mr. Finley at work. Some of these scenes prove that curiosity not only belongs to feminine humanity, but to the people of the woods as well. For instance, the scene of Bruin rising on his haunches to investigate the cause of the clicking of the machine.

Mr. Finley is sent here by the state, under the auspices of the Neighborhood Club, and you cannot afford to miss seeing these pictures.

MRS. TURNER OLIVER.

THE WHAT-YOU-MAY COLUMN

BY G. M.

Jelly.

Jelly is a nervous, excitable food that falls all over itself whenever it tries to go anywhere without its glass.

It's all right as long as it sits still and keeps its lid on, but the minute you turn it loose in a dish it goes limp and wobbly. Nine times out of ten it will collapse and cut its own head off on the edge of the bowl.

But jelly's all right if you understand it. It's just fruit without a backbone; and it has its limitations. Jelly has to be managed. It is weak and timid. Don't make it ride on your knife. It will wreck itself, sure. And you can't do a thing with wrecked jelly. Not a thing.

Put your jelly aboard a spoon where it can lie down and be comfortable and it will go anywhere.

Printer's ink is no good in cans. But spread it on paper and it's some salesman.

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Is Your Name In This List?

List of letters remaining uncalled for in La Grande office for the week ending February 16, 1917:

- Gentlemen—Box 292 (7), E. D. Ballek, E. Ballona, J. H. Barber, Joseph Blatt, Burnaugh & Mayfield, John Christiansen, Boyd Emerson, J. B. Green, Hans Hacker, James Hartsuff, Lawrence Hill, G. W. Houston, Scott Huff, James Johnson, Louis Lovich, G. W. Tannahille, A. P. Taylor, P. M. Thomas, C. A. Tracey, Frank L. Wright, B. Young.

Ladies—Miss Ruth Allen, Mrs. Clinton Holman, Mrs. Thomas Plunkitt. These letters will be sent to the delinquent office March 2, 1917, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say "advertised," giving date of list. E. E. BRAGG, P. M.

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