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ROCKEFELLER LOSES SUIT ON INCOME

Oil Magnate Must Pay His
Income Tax Just Like
Common Folks

GOVERNMENT HAS BITTER FIGHT

Question of Dividends Not
Being Income Was the
Disputed Point—Strong
Legal Battle Was Waged

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The United States government has won its suit against John D. Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate.

The amount which will be collected under order of the court from Rockefeller will be \$292,672 on his income tax.

Contention was raised that dividends from Standard Oil stock to Rockefeller did not constitute income properly to be taxed under the income tax law. As a result of this contention the stage was set for one of the heaviest legal entanglements the government has been up against in collecting income taxes with the result that the government has won the case and Mr. Rockefeller will be compelled to pay.

STUDENTS GET ONE MEAL A DAY

AMERICAN WORKERS DOING
THEIR BEST IN THE EAST

WARSAW, (By Mail).—Fifteen thousand university students in the main educational centers of Warsaw, Lemberg, Cracow, Lublin, Posen and Vilna are being fed one meal a day by the American Relief Administration of the European Children's Fund this summer. Warsaw has five kitchens devoted to serving food to 3,264 students, the other towns having smaller numbers.

The Polish ministry of agriculture has been assisting in this work, having furnished the American relief workers with 180,000 pounds of potatoes at 50 per cent below market price. Government authorities of Posen made an oil and out gift of 20,000 pounds of potatoes to be used locally in the student feeding.

The students benefitting by this special provision of the A. R. A. are all over 17 years old, the students paying the nominal price of ten marks for a meal to assist in covering the rents, service and supplementary foodstuffs purchased locally. At the present rate of exchange 10 marks is about one-half of an American cent in value.

In addition to this task, the A. R. A. is feeding more than 1,500,000 children in Poland up to the age of 17 years.

QUIET WEEK FOR HARDING.

LANCASTER, N. H., Aug. 3.—President and Mrs. Harding began a quiet vacation until the week-end. There is no public road to the country place of Senator Weeks where the president and wife are located and the nearest telephone is four miles away.

O. A. C. BRASS COLLARS INSPECT WHEAT MAGGOTS

Headed by J. K. Weatherford, of Albany, who is president of the Board of Regents of Oregon Agricultural College, the O. A. C. board passed through Union county yesterday, and left last evening for Hermiston, where the tour will be completed, after a swing around the circle to Bend and back via Grant county to the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station at Union. Yesterday afternoon was taken up with the wheat stem maggot question, many fields being visited. Yesterday morning the work on the Union station farm was carefully gone over some improvements ordered and other business transacted. Robert Withycombe, director of the station, and County Agent Avery then took the party to many Union county wheat farms, going as far as Imbler.

In the party, besides the president

JULIUS PLAYS GOLF IN BAKER.

BAKER, Aug. 3.—(Special).—Julius Roesch, of La Grande, played his first game of golf here last evening on the local links. He showed remarkable aptitude in the game and caused many of the old Baker players to wonder at the skill shown by him in a game that was entirely new to him.

Mr. Roesch has never before yielded to golf, although he has been importuned to do so both at home and abroad. When he had finished his first game, he was asked how he liked it and replied, "That old sport, Rockefeller is not far wrong when he says it is a good game."

SOLDIERS RESENT SOLONS ACTION

SALEM, Aug. 3.—With a firm determination to let the senators from Oregon know the feeling existing among the members of the American Legion's Salem post today telegraphed Senator McNary and Senator Staudfeldt their resentment of the action of the two senators in voting to recommit the Federal aid measure for service men and branded their action as a repudiation of their pledges.

SOVIET GIVES UP OUR BOYS

RIGA, Aug. 3.—American prisoners in Russia have been released, according to an unofficial report circulated today. Just when they will cross the border has not been stated.

If the report is correct it will be a culmination of efforts put forth by the United States in the past few weeks to release all American prisoners held by the Soviet government.

INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN FIGHT

Much interest is being shown in Union and Wallawa counties in the fight the Intermediate Rate Association is waging against discriminatory freight rates asked by the transcontinental carriers for coast points. The rates asked would reduce coast point rates on many commodities without reducing rates at intermediate points.

C. B. Miller, secretary of the Ad Club, who is handling the rate association work here, has sent out information to practically every commercial club in the two counties. Besides the commercial clubs, the various farmers' organizations are showing much interest in the work, and Harry G. Avery, county agent, is doing a great deal of educational work among the farmers in explaining the situation to them.

The following organizations have called on Mr. Miller for information on the rate question during the past few weeks: Elgin Ad Club, Wallawa Commercial Club, Enterprise Commercial Club, Union Commercial Club, Imbler Commercial Club, Lostine Commercial Club, Farmers Grange, Farmers' Union, North Powder Commercial Club, Fruit Growers' Union, Union County Farm Bureau.

FAIL TO AGREE ON CONTRACTS

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Conference representatives of the American shipping board and the British shipping interests failed to develop a settlement of the dispute over Egyptian cotton contracts which is now the subject of an acute controversy.

WEATHER FORECAST.

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—Thursday will be fair with moderate westerly winds.

GRASS BURNING SQUAD IS BUSY

A crew of men is being kept busy by the city burning grass and weeds on vacant lots. The work is being done under an ordinance which provides that where property owners are negligent about keeping the weeds and grass cut the city can do the work and take a lien against the property for the amount of the cost of the work.

Special attention is being paid to complaints received regarding places where the dry weeds and grass present a fire hazard. Recently complaints were received by City Manager George Garrett regarding some vacant property above the court house. The grass burning crew was sent out and burned off the grass under the direction of Fire Chief C. O. Murchison.

Shortly after this happened Mr. Garrett received a letter from an attorney in Baker stating that he expected to collect \$75 from the city for burning his pasture. Mr. Garrett expects to send a bill instead of a check and also inform the Bakerite that pastures cannot be maintained in the city.

ONE CENT A MILE FOR SOLDIERS

RAILROADS GRANT SPECIAL
CONCESSIONS TO BOYS.

Convention in Kansas City Will Be
Held Late in the Autumn; Large
Attendance is Expected.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 3.—With the announcement of a cent-a-mile rate for members of the American Legion who attend the national convention of the Legion at Kansas City October 31 and November 1 and 2, officials in charge of arrangements for the convention believe that the meeting will exceed preceding conventions in attendance by many thousands.

The railroads that have announced the special convention rate are the Missouri Pacific, Frisco, Rock Island and the Kansas City Southern. Other roads are expected to follow with announcements of reduced rate concessions to Legion men.

The zone embraced by the railroads that have made announcements includes Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and New Mexico.

K. OF C. HAVE BIG CONVENTION

SAN FRANCISCO, August 3.—One of the biggest conventions held by any secret order is that of the Knights of Columbus in session here at the present time. Parades and other features of the week's program for the public have been exceedingly successful.

James A. Flaherty was unanimously elected today to again fill the office of Supreme Knight.

UNION COUNTY'S WHEAT CROP A MILLION BUSHEL

Union county's wheat crop will exceed the million bushel mark, instead of a total of 850,000 bushels as first estimated. The increase in bushels becomes evident with the arrival of wheat in the mills and warehouses. Harvesting is on in full blast, headers working everywhere and combines going in some instances. Binding is pretty well finished.

The man considered the best authority on estimating wheat yields is Fred Kiddie, of Island City. Precious estimates made by him were under 900,000 bushels, or thereabouts, and other careful estimates were under that. Mr. Kiddie has taken a survey of the situation, and, based on actual demonstrations of wheat now coming in to the mills, has raised his estimate to a degree that indicates close to 1,000,000 additional revenues from wheat in this county.

The increased total is brought about by a heavier fall wheat yield

CARS CLASH EARLY TODAY

IDAHOAN RUNS INTO JEROME
FOLEY'S MACHINE

No One Injured But Machines Damaged; Driver Not Looking and Failed to See the Foley Car

V. R. Chipman, of Payette, Idaho, this morning at about 7:30 drove his Ford into a touring car driven by Jerome Foley at the corner of Fourth and Washington. Chipman was driving west on Washington while Foley was driving north on Fourth. Both cars were damaged, a wheel being badly broken on the smaller car and the running board and body of the larger car being broken and dented. No one was injured.

At the time of the accident Chipman was not keeping a sharp lookout and Foley, who had reached the intersection first, was unable to turn his car out of the way of the other car.

Chipman admitted his blame for the accident. Neither car was going at an excessive speed.

DEBT OF NATION IS REDUCED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The national debt has been reduced two hundred and five million dollars in July, according to a statement from the treasury department today. This leaves the debt of the country amounting to twenty-three billion seven hundred and seventy-one million.

LEAK TAX INFORMATION.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—An investigation of the Internal Revenue bureau is found to be necessary, Commissioner Blair announced today. This is due, he claims, because of alleged leaks regarding tax information. The guilty will be punished to the limit, according to the commissioner.

MARKETS REMAIN SAME.

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—The markets here on cattle, hogs and sheep remain unchanged.

THE SHOWDOWN

CARDS FACE UP
ON THE TABLE,
PLEASE, GENTLEMEN!



OIL IS CUT AGAIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—The Standard Oil company today reduced the price of gasoline two cents a gallon to become effective at once in all Pacific coast states.

Crude oil was also cut twenty-five cents a barrel.

Gasoline is now retailing in San Francisco at twenty-three cents a gallon.

BALL PLAYERS ARE NOW FREE

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Seven White Sox ballplayers, who with others were acquitted last night on the charge of throwing the 1919 world series games, joined the members of the jury in a celebration at a restaurant lasting until sunrise this morning.

Manager Landis asserts, however, that none of the accused players will be employed in organized baseball. There were three players who confessed before the grand jury last fall but their confessions were stolen from the grand jury records.

RED CROSS MAN IS ACCUSED

RIGA, Aug. 3.—It is known here that Senator France has made accusations against Dr. E. W. Ryan, a Red Cross commissioner, of instigating a revolt at Kronstadt last winter. Ryan asserts Senator France is filled with Bolshevik false reports and the senator declares he will renew the charges in the senate.

WORLD IS FREED IN LIBEL SUIT

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Supreme Justice William P. Burr has sustained a demurrer filed by the New York World in a libel suit brought by a man whose name appeared in a list of deserters furnished by the war department. The court held the list is privileged as a matter of law.

TRUCKS ROLL ELGIN ROAD

Along the Elgin section of the La Grande-Joseph Highway ten-ton trucks are now hauling gravel and crushed rock for the macadam surface that is being put on. The trucks have 18-wheel tires. An ordinary road roller has a width of 36 inches and the pressure exerted by it is approximately ten tons.

As a result of the load on the heavy trucks being practically all on the rear wheels the trucks are acting as a road roller and the rock and gravel is knitting and binding as well as though a roller was being used on the road, according to John Birney, county roadmaster.

SUSPECT IS CAUGHT IN AUSTRALIA

KALAMA, Wash., Aug. 3.—Frank Dalton, charged with the murder during the month of March of M. P. Whelan, a wealthy rancher of the Woodland district, has been captured in Australia, according to cablegrams received by Sheriff J. W. Hoggatt. The crime is the most mysterious and baffling in the history of the country.

CARUSO LEFT SIX MILLION.

NAPLES, Aug. 3.—Enrico Caruso, the great singer who died here, is reported to have left a fortune of six million dollars.

DENIES NEGOTIATIONS.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—It is officially denied that negotiations are impending for recognition by the Bolsheviks of Russian debt to France of approximately five million dollars.

LIGHT POLES WILL BE REPLACED THIS SEASON

In an interview with J. P. Lottridge, of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, the Observer was assured that the light poles on Adams avenue would have to be replaced this season. Mr. Lottridge contends that the poles should have been replaced before this and that he does not consider it safe to go another year with the old poles.

The interview grew out of a conversation relative to the proposed lighting system as the advocates of the new system have contended the poles would be replaced this fall and this would make them permanent for a number of years.

While Mr. Lottridge in no way suggested either for or against the new lighting system he said it was positive that his company must build the Adams avenue line before the snow flies again this coming winter.

R. Chappell, local manager of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co.

DAIRYING FEATURED AT UNION

Experiment Station To
Establish a One-
Unit Plant

GREAT RESOURCE IS ENCOURAGED

Entire Valley to Benefit by
Campaign Started in the
Interest of Dairy Products
From Small Herds.

Determined that Union county is ready to increase the dairy industry via the small-herd route, the executive committee of the Board of Regents of O. A. C. yesterday voted to install a one-unit demonstration at the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station at Union. The conclusion was reached after the Board of Regents, on their annual inspection tour, had listened to long discussion of the situation at a meeting held in Union the night before. At this meeting the Union county people attending expressed the belief as one man that the small dairy herd, chickens and hogs will be a boon to this county. It was pointed out at that meeting that the pure-bred breeders and hog raisers have been fairly well educated to the best ration, best breeds and best methods that apply in Eastern Oregon and it is now time to turn special attention to the dairymen. The work to be instituted at the experiment station is not to be experimental, as that has already been done at the home station in Corvallis, but the work there is to be entirely of a demonstration nature. It is to be a one-man unit, arranged to show what can be done by the trimmerate—cow, hen and hog. Best rations, methods and the like will be the aim, but primarily the demonstration is to stimulate the small dairy herd on every farm that is suited to dairying.

The board also voted to build a little cottage for the caretaker of the stock, the sums being now too far removed from the attendants and director to be safe and practical. In this little cottage will live the family that is to demonstrate to Union county and Eastern Oregon at large, how to provide a monthly income of cash for the cow, hen and hog, at the same time the farm is producing.

Farmers about Union are already practicing the plan generally and at the meeting in Union Monday evening the belief was generally agreed on that if the dairy cow was removed from the Union vicinity, the farmers would be financially wrecked.

The momentous dairy question came up, and the campaign for more dairy cows in Union county was launched at a dinner given by the Union Commercial club in honor of the O. A. C. board of regents touring the various stations in Oregon. President Tony D. Smith presided, and after the service of dinner in the Union hotel, the business of the evening was taken up. The discussion lasted until after midnight.

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