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SOAKING THE AMERICAN.
We have been interested in the stories the boys who served overseas have told of the fabulous prices the French charged them for articles of merchandise, which in many cases were several times as high as those charged the French for the same articles. The fact that the boys were thus treated by those whom they saved from the advancing hordes of civilized barbarism has been a terrible black eye to France and the peoples of our ally have been denounced by press and pulpit for such action—and justly so.
The general idea in Europe seems to be that an American can and will pay any price that is asked for an article which he wants.
Perhaps it will be a surprise to many that the same idea prevails to a large extent at home.
Here are some interesting facts: London housewives are complaining about paying 16c to 24c for oleomargarine, 32c to 44c for drippings, 8c to 20c a pound for oranges, 12c to 18c a pound for apples. They claim the lower prices should maintain in all stores.
Oleomargarine, apples and oranges are American products and yet English housewives feel abused at paying prices considerably less than those charged in the country where the articles come from.
As an example, American housewives are paying about 40c a pound for oleomargarine, while it is said to be sold in competitive markets in England at 16c.
It is certain that the retailers are not responsible for this disparity in prices, so that it must be the manufacturers who dispose of their stocks at prices that enable the English retailer to undersell the retailer in the country in which the articles are produced.
This is a condition that is not new and is one of the few things that can not be charged against the democratic administration. The same conditions have existed for many years.
Except in the case of oleomargarine the only explanation we can see is that the American will pay more, and therefore is charged more. Of course there is also the explanation that a manufacturer will sell cheaper outside his trade territory than he will inside his trade territory. In the case of oleomargarine, the government tax of 10c a pound, which probably is not paid in England, would account for that much of the disparity in prices.
Along this same line, officers of the American army from Cottage Grove who had occasion to pay their own living expenses in the east during the recent unpleasantness, found that there was little patriotism exhibited by those who had things to sell that the officer had to have. The scale of prices in high class hotels and restaurants was higher for the man in uniform than for the man in civilian clothes.
Only in the west did they find that the uniform got them anything. Along the entire Pacific coast hotels made substantial reductions to men who wore the blue or olive drab.
The Sentinel always has been opposed to government ownership and unnecessary government interference with business, but this idea of charging all the traffic will bear is leading straight to government regulation of those industries which are not satisfied with a legitimate profit.
As regards those who charged the soldier more than the civilian, it seems to us that such persons should be put on trial along with Bill Hohenzollern, Bill Hindenburg and the rest of that bunch of vons and huns.
AIR STILL UNTAXED.
No better example of the slipshod manner in which the last democratic congress handled the business of making laws, controlled as it was by the administration party, can be given, than the so-called "luxury taxes" which were tacked onto the revenue bill of 1918 and which went into effect May 1. Until the next congress meets and takes action to repeal these taxes, it is clearly the duty of the commissioner of internal revenue to collect the taxes. That the next congress will repeal these "luxury taxes" is almost an assured fact. The democratic congress which drew up the bill, including the sections taxing wearing apparel above a stated value, lighting fixtures, umbrellas, carpets, rugs, trunks, soda fountain products, toilet articles of all kinds and so on indefinitely, claims that these sections would have been repealed during the closing days of the last session had it not been for the congestion of pending legislation. While this may have been true, it did not excuse the drawing up of taxes on articles which, although termed "luxuries," are used by people in all walks of life and used because

they are necessary to the modern mode of living.
Articles included as "luxuries" are not luxuries at all. Is it a luxury to have carpet or rugs on the floors of your home? Section 904 of the revenue act says it is and taxes you 10 per cent on the amount in excess of \$5 per square yard. If a man pays more than \$5 for a hat or his wife more than \$15, the tax is levied. If a man pays more than \$2 for a necktie, the tax is right on the job. And when it comes to pajamas, night gowns or underwear for either sex, large or small, and the price is over \$5, again the 10 per cent tax looms up in front of the purchaser. And if you or your wife pay more than \$10 for a pair of shoes the amount in excess is taxed. And when it comes to perfumes, toilet waters, tooth pastes and the like the law is quite clear. The tax is one cent for every 25 cents or fraction thereof. Perfume may be a luxury but we are quite sure that tooth paste is not.
The soda fountain hound is hard hit. With most of the country already dry and the rest of it going dry July 1, the soda fountain is the only thirst quenching establishment left. The tax is 10 per cent and there is no alternative. In other words a 10 cent drink or dish of ice cream will cost 11 cents and a 15 cent soda or plate of cream, 17 cents. In all of these cases the tax must be paid by the purchaser to the retailer at the time of purchase and cannot be included in the retail price. All during the war the American people paid taxes, no matter what they were, quickly and without a word of protest. They watched the tremendous waste of money on all sides without a whimper because we were at war. But that time has passed. The average American will not protest the expenditure of \$100 when it is justified but will kick like a mad bull at paying a one-cent tax on the necessities of life, especially when the necessity for the tax is gone.
The next congress can do no greater thing for this country than to repeal these so-called "luxury taxes" at the first opportunity. We have no doubt that they will.
CUTTING WILLIE HEARST.
A patriotic Oregonian who served with the colors in France and returned with a captain's commission, is the storm center of a rumpus in Portland which resulted from the fact that he cut the picture of Willie Randolph Hearst out of its frame in the Press club and consigned it to the flames. The only ones who have criticized him for his act are members of the staff of the Portland Journal, Portland's bolshevik, I. W. W., anarchistic daily rag. The offender has offered to replace the picture with one of any national patriot that may be designated but flatly refuses to put Willie back in his frame. Our opinion is that the so-called offender should be highly commended for his patriotic act. While in the nature of vandalism, the act was committed through patriotic impulse and one who has risked his life, while fellows like Willie Hearst have stayed at home and hindered the war, can not be blamed for letting their impulse get the better of them. There would be something radically wrong with such a person if he did not have an impulse to commit just such an act.

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in the order named. When we hear of a fellow down on his luck, we first have faith in his ability to pull out, then hope that he will come out all right, and may finally give the charity needed in the first place.
A warm heart will keep out most of the coldness of this world.
Your sins will find you out—if you ever run for office.
The best title a girl can get by marrying is just plain "Mrs."
A man should be close to his family, but not too close with them.
Most every girl before she gets married plans on the many little charities she will do when she gets her husband's money to spend.

No man ought to make the same mistake twice—considering how many people there are to tell him about it.
Some people cuss the other fellow's good luck as much as they do their own bad luck.
Disagreeableness is the most contagious disease there is.
A man who can stand it to have things go against him will never make a success of life.
Opportunity finds the man who is on the job.
Determination and application always come out ahead of faith and hope.
The woodpile languishes while the men talk politics.

The man who makes two blades of grass grow where there was formerly but one, doesn't do it by letting the grass grow under his feet.
A man is always disgusted with the man he can't convince.
If older people were scolded as much as children, for doing the very same things, they would get disgusted with life. Youth's buoyant spirit soon rises above the rebuffs.
It is a sad setback to your pride to have some roughneck outdo you in deference and politeness to the gentler sex.
No person ever gets so rough or so bad but there is a spot somewhere that can be touched by kindness and charity.
A person who radiates sunshine on

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