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THE PLAN TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF WHEAT

The bill introduced in the Senate by our Chas. L. McNary and in the House by Gilbert N. Haugen of the Fourth Iowa district; the bill to "raise the price of wheat," has the center of the stage— Is backed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace; by the farm "bloc" in both branches of our federal law making body; by organizations of wheat growers and other farm associations throughout the country—

By the agricultural committee of the Oregon Bankers' Association; was endorsed at the economic conference at Corvallis last week.

What does this bill propose to do? In the language of the rough draft of the title of the bill, it proposes: "To promote equality between agriculture and other industries under the protective tariff; to regulate commerce, interstate and with foreign countries; in wheat AND OTHER CROPS AND PRODUCTS; to promote agricultural cooperation and export trade; and for other purposes."

It creates the "Agricultural Export Corporation," with a capital of \$200,000,000, furnished from the United States treasury. This corporation is authorized to buy "crops and products of which a surplus for export is produced," which shall be "deemed to mean crops and livestock and their products whose price in the domestic market is determined by the world price."

They shall pay "a fair exchange value" for such crops, and a fair exchange value "shall be deemed to mean price per unit of crops and products of which a surplus for export is produced as bears the same ratio to the current general price index as a ten year pre-war average price per unit of such crops and products bore to the average general price index for the same period."

What does that mean? As the intent of the proposed law is to raise the price of wheat, and as that may possibly be the only product to be dealt in by the proposed "Agricultural Export Corporation," let us take what will happen to wheat under this law, if it shall be enacted:

It means that there will be an attempt to make a bushel of wheat buy as much as it did on the average in the ten years before the war. How?

By taxing every bushel of wheat sold from an American farm, and by buying all surplus wheat; buying all export wheat. Who will pay for the wheat? The farmers themselves who raise and sell wheat will pay for the export wheat; though in the first place the Corporation will pay for it from government funds. How can this be?

Well, taking the present prices, it is assumed that 7 cents a bushel on all wheat sold from American farms will pay the difference between the American price now and the foreign price. So the Corporation will buy the wheat for export at 30 cents a bushel above the export price, and will get the money by taking every bushel of wheat sold from an American farm 7 cents a bushel. It is assumed that we produce 700,000,000 bushels of wheat annually and sell that amount from American farms, and that this yields a surplus for export of 170,000,000 bushels.

It is assumed that this would automatically place the domestic price 30 cents a bushel above the foreign price—that is, give every wheat grower with wheat for sale a net increase of 23 cents a bushel over the foreign price.

But the amount of tax would be subject to adjustment by the Corporation, having the effect of reacting automatically toward the adjustment of the wheat average; because the larger the surplus for export the heavier the tax per bushel would necessarily become.

THE HUMAN BODY

The most intricate piece of machinery and after all our investigation the most implacable is the human body. The doctors have sought to make medicine that could relieve every spot, but we go on dying in the same old way. Then the doctors undertook to give treatments and the result was twelve years prolonging of life in one generation. This is a pretty good testimonial to the value of care. However, despite all our care people die every day who never died before and tomorrow will claim its victims. The human body must command more and more attention. It is composed of the following ingredients:

Oxygen, 65 per cent; carbon, 18 per cent; hydrogen, 10 per cent; nitrogen, 3 per cent; calcium, 2 per cent; phosphorus, 1 per cent; potassium, 0.35 per cent; sulphur, 0.25 per cent; sodium, 0.15 per cent; chlorine, 0.15 per cent; magnesium, 0.05 per cent; iron, 0.04 per cent; also iodine, fluorine and silicon in very minute quantities.

BUSINESS GROWING

The Oregon Statesman through the Northwest Poultry Journal is enabled to get an unusual amount of first hand information regarding the poultry situation. The signing of 250,000 birds was notice of a revival in the poultry industry and all over the country people are calling attention to the business more and more. The demand for both eggs and chickens is so great there is not even a thought of a glutted market.

This business is made profitable entirely by the organized markets which dispose of its products. It not only promises to develop into a great industry in the Willamette valley, it is that already, but into one of the great industries of the United States.

GOOD-BY DENBY

Secretary of the Navy Denby should resign. On the witness stand he actually declared that he had signed the Teapot Dome measure without knowing what it contained as he did not understand the technical terms. The government employs experts and pays them any price for the specific purpose of advising the officials who come in from political life. The announcement of Denby is an indictment, because he had every facility in his hands for knowing the facts and this case where millions were involved he did not take the trouble to consult his experts.

THE SUR-TAX

Secretary Mellon wants to reduce the sur-tax to 25 per cent. Congress wants to have it 32 or 35 per cent, but in any event the public will be served. There is much sentiment against reduction of the sur-tax because it is resented as playing into the hands of the rich. It is not, it is simply giving business a chance. We need this money in business which is now in tax exempt securities. The sur-tax is a drastic measure that is always questionable in time of peace.

MORE PROGRESS

We notice that there is an effort being made to control scarlet fever with a serum. From indications a cure is at our door. The progress in medical science is equal to that of electricity. The world is fast moving forward and mastering all disease with the one exception of cancer. Isn't there some way to find a serum of some kind, or an insulin treatment that will cure cancer after the first stages? The many victims are crying out for help and up to this time they can not get it.

CHEERING UP

There are too many pessimists in this world, too many people handing out black dope. The situation does not warrant it. The human race is doing better now than in any time in the history of the world. It is making more progress, accomplishing more things worth while, making conditions of life better, and all together it is making life more worth while.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

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THE NEWS DICKY BROACHED TO MADGE

I WAITED TENSELY, almost breathlessly, for Robert Savarin's reply. Had I hopelessly blundered by my talk to him and made things harder for Lillian? Or—

His hand fell heavily on my shoulder, and I saw affection and gratitude as well as misery in the brown eyes looking down at me. "You're a wonderful girl, Madge," he said, "and a loyal friend. And—I will do as you ask. But—don't let her slip away from me. Sometimes I fear—"

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Billy Sunday Editor Statesman: There has been much discussion as to whether Salem should be subjected to a visit from Billy Sunday. As a humble member of the newspaper fraternity I should say, "Certainly, let's bring him here." For Billy Sunday is a good story. His vaudeville antics and provincial humor (with Broadway embellishment) are ample material for front page news. In addition we can always look for sensational features through Sunday's unique manner of applying mob psychology.

Of course there is a question as to the value of the supercharged emotion aroused by the one-time baseball player but these who pledge Sunday his "ten thousand" or so for expenses do not seem to consider this, so why should the rest of us attempt to question the efficacy of the Sunday treatment. However, here is a thought: At the present time there is in Salem a visiting Christian evangelist who gets results. This man is Envoy E. Inman, a most unique figure. Fifteen years an Indian scout, several years in regular army service and world war enlistment is pretty good for a man whose years number 75. Envoy Inman entered the United States navy when he was 68 years of age. Yet his best service record is that of his powerful appeal for Christ. He is interesting and his ability is such that Salem's largest auditorium should be filled every night. Captain Holbrook finds that the Salvation Army hall is barely large enough for Envoy Inman's audiences.

In concluding this thought that Salem could give better support to the able workers already in the field a word must be said for the men who are filling the pulpits in our local churches. These men are devoting their lives for Christian advancement and it seems that the money sent out of town with Sunday or kindred workers would be put to better use if it were kept here for the development of the work under our own leaders.

ACID IN STOMACH SOURS THE FOOD

Says Excess of Hydrochloric Acid is Cause of Indigestion

A well-known authority states that stomach trouble and indigestion are nearly always due to acidity—acid stomach—and not, as most folks believe, from a lack of digestive juices. He states that an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach retards digestion and starts food fermentation; then our meals sour like garbage in a can, forming acid fluids and gases, which inflate the stomach like a toy balloon. We then get that heavy, lumpy feeling in the chest, we eructate sour food, belch gas or have heartburn, flatulence, water-brash or nausea.

He tells us to lay aside all digestive aids and instead get from any pharmacy four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, while it is effervescing, and furthermore, to continue this for one week. While relief often follows the first dose, it is important to neutralize the acidity, remove the gas-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices.

The Boys and Girls Statesman

The Biggest Little Paper in the World Edited by John M. Miller. Copyright, 1923, Associated Editors.

ONE FOGGY NIGHT

The fog lay all about him like a gray stone wall. The street lights were like little yellow dots that gave no comfort in the grayness. How foolish he'd been, Roger thought, to tell the boys to "just let him off at the corner" after the club meeting when they'd all come home in Dr. Gray's car. He hadn't noticed at which corner they had let him off, and there were no street signs there.

It was hard enough for him to find his way home in the daytime since they had come to the city. He could never get used to so many houses looking alike. He wandered down the street slowly. There was nothing familiar about it, and he couldn't see the numbers from the sidewalk. He was afraid to go up any of the steps to see them.

Roger was bewildered. It was growing colder all the time and the overcoat, which had been plenty warm enough for the coldest days in his home farther south now felt like a light spring coat. He'd no idea what street he was on, but he decided to walk along until he came to a drug store, where he could phone.

Suddenly he heard some one running—a thug, perhaps, who had committed robbery, or maybe a murderer, in the darkness. Roger trembled. The black, running figure came nearer. Roger hopped up some stairs and crouched in the doorway of the nearest house. The runner went by. Just as Roger breathed a sigh of relief the door behind him opened, and the startled boy tumbled into a hallway. "Why, Roger," exclaimed his father's voice, "what are you doing out there? We were just beginning to worry about you."

JIGEDY JAUNTS

Golden sunshine and surf bathing! Ukeleles and grass skirts! The Jigedies are in Hawaii! Traveling from the north of the top island to the south of the last island so as not to miss anything, the Jigedies found that the towns they'd visited spelled out in whose possession the islands are. Trace with your pencil their journey and find the answer.

First letter: On the island of Oahu, from Waialua to Ewa to Honolulu to Haulua. Second letter: On the island of Molokai, from Halawa to Kala-wao to Keomaka to Kahului to Makena Landing to Wailuku. Third letter: On the island of Hawaii, from Keahole Point to Kaaha Point to Kohala to Kamhela to Mauna Kea. Then with a new line, from Kaaha Point to Kamhela.

Robert Savarin's disappointed look, and knew that he had counted on talking to Lillian himself. So I detached myself long enough to whisper to him: "As soon as you see Dicky and me again, go down to the brook. I'll tell her you're coming down." He smiled his assenting relief, and I hurried back to my husband and my friend. When we had reached the brook, Dicky spoke: "I didn't want to tell you of this before we started, Madge, but Lillian thinks you ought to know it, so that you can be planning what is best to do. But I received a letter from Mother yesterday, which this time I cannot put down to hysteria. Either Katie has gone out of her mind, or else—"

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

Mothers want it, for it quickly clears away the choking phlegm, stops the hoarse cough, gives restful sleep. Safe and reliable. CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY No Narcotics

Cap'n Zyb

ZIP SPEEDSTER Here is the fastest and easiest sort of bus a boy can make for coasting—a roller skate auto speedster. Let me tell you, these things will certainly travel. The illustration today shows how it looks when it is all set up. Tomorrow you will see a drawing of its various parts.

Cap'n Zyb. RHEUMATISM CANNOT EXIST in the human body if you will use Trunk's Prescription for Rheumatism and Gout. It is a shame to suffer with inflammatory, muscular, sciatica, neuritis, lumbago, or any form of rheumatism.

Trunk's Prescription does not irritate the stomach, it does not depress the heart. Eat all the meat and good food you wish while taking Trunk's Prescription. Contains no mercury, salicylic soda, salicyliferous or narcotics, but positively overcomes any kind of rheumatism. What more do you want? There is nothing just as good, and it is impossible to get something better. The greatest uric acid solvent known, and also a superior liver medicine. Trunk's Prescription sells for \$1.75 or 3 for only \$5. at Perry's Drug Store, 113 So. Commercial, Salem, Or.

FUTURE DATES February 12, Tuesday—Annual Ladies Night, Okwanis club. February 16, Saturday—Hotel men of Oregon to meet in Salem. March 13, 14 and 15—State Inter-scholastic basketball tournament, Willamette gymnasium. March 14 and 15, Friday and Saturday—Marion county Sunday school branch of religious education meets at Dayton, state no money, salicylic soda, salicyliferous or narcotics, but positively overcomes any kind of rheumatism. What more do you want? There is nothing just as good, and it is impossible to get something better. The greatest uric acid solvent known, and also a superior liver medicine. Trunk's Prescription sells for \$1.75 or 3 for only \$5. at Perry's Drug Store, 113 So. Commercial, Salem, Or.