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**TAXES TAKE IT ALL**

It is now costing the American people at the rate of \$53.46 per capita per annum (as against \$6.55 before the war) for operating their federal government, according to Director of the budget Dawes. There is only \$52.41 per capita of money in circulation in the United States, according to United States treasury department's circulation statement of September 1.

There is not enough actual money in existence in the country to pay the expense of maintaining a national government for twelve months.

The figures given are for the federal government alone. But there are the vast additional sums for state, county and municipal government expenses, schools, highways, ports, improvement districts, et cetera.

The foregoing is from the Seattle Business Chronicle. And over 90 per cent of the federal income goes to the army and navy.

Is it strange that efforts are being made to reduce armament?

Is it strange that measures like that championed by Congressman McArthur for a cut of one-half in the number of congressmen are popular?

Is it strange that there is complaint because, instead of a promised reduction in state commissions, our legislature doubled the fish and game commission and increased other burdens of the sort?

We elect lawmakers on a promise of retrenchment and their hands reach ever deeper and deeper into the public treasury.

**BACK TO NORMALCY**

The "Wave of crime" that followed the war, whether or not there was any relation between the two, is evidently receding.

Juries are becoming saner and convicting murderers.

Armed marines on mail cars are discouraging robbers by making a few bandits good. A good bandit is a dead bandit.

Detectives in Chicago killed two and wounded a third of a band of robbers the other night.

Roy Gardner found his recent raid of theft, attempted robbery and felonious assault so unsuccessful that he has abandoned his bravado and is working the insanity dodge. Of course he is insane. A man who prefers crime to honest work is insane—many of them so insane that it would be a kindness to them and to the public to hang them.

The United States marines who have been assigned to protect the mails have already begun taking toll from the robbers. They killed two bandits and wounded a third, probably fatally, on a mail car between Washington and Pittsburg last week Wednesday. They are maintaining the reputation as fighters which that branch of Uncle Sam's service holds all over the world.

That is what is happening in the case of surplus income which formerly was invested in productive enterprises. It is now going into tax-exempt government and municipal securities.—Oregon Manufacturer.

Glory be! The government and the municipalities, which mean all the people, are thus being financed. They have needed it.

The Athena Press says: "It is becoming evident that the super-tax is driving capital away from productive enterprises and into tax-exempt securities." So say

all the advocates of "relief" for the man who is so unfortunate as to be taxed at a high rate because his income is \$1,000,000 a year or more. There is a grain of comfort however, in the fact, if it is a fact, that the surtax increases the demand for those securities that have been made tax-free to induce somebody to buy them and furnish funds sorely needed for public uses.

**SEND COPY EARLY**

One of the most troublesome problems of a country newspaper office arises from the late arrival of "copy." When a paper is published on Thursday, as the Enterprise is, the type setters are ready to begin Friday on matter for the next issue. The publisher must supply a day's work for each day.

If a social event has occurred on Thursday evening those who would report it can co-operate in the production of a good paper by handing in the report for the printer to work on Friday or Saturday.

If somebody in your family has passed to the beyond on Sunday do not send an obituary notice on Wednesday. By that time the reporter will have written one and the printer put it in type at considerable expense. The editor would prefer your article, because it has been written with more intimate knowledge of the facts, but he can not afford to use it and lose the expense already incurred. Besides, by Wednesday the office is stalled with copy and everything has to be cut down in size one-half or more in order to start the press on time. Send news in early and both you and the editor will be better pleased with the result.

We want the latest news. If an event worth recording occurs late Wednesday, or even Thursday morning, phone it to us and it will be published, if we have to leave out a better story that might have come in early but didn't.

**DITCH THE COMMISSIONS**

The National Association of Wool Manufacturers is of course opposing the Capper bill to compel the labeling of textile manufactures with the character of material of which they are made. The old statement that some woolen goods are improved by a proportion of shoddy of cotton is aired.

Well, there is no effort to prevent them from improving their goods in this way. The bill only proposes that they shall let the buyer know that they have been so improved.

A cry is raised that the bill would involve expense for government inspectors. Cut out the inspectors. Fix a heavy penalty for misbranding or for neglecting to brand, and leave the detection of offenses and filing of complaints to the public, as we do in larceny and assault or murder cases, and as we ought to do in regard to game and other laws. If the public did not want the law against murder enforced there would not be half the arrests there now are.

A person whose property is stolen usually is ready to seek arrest of the thief. Then the courts take up the case.

One who is swindled in buying cloth or goods will, when he becomes aware of the fact, be likely to start proceedings.

Cut out the most of the expensive (and needless) commissions and our tax burden will be reduced.

Some people complain instead of rejoicing over a blessing. The Washington correspondent of the Portland Journal complains that Senator Stanford was in his seat only 14 of the 55 days the Senate was in session since April 11.

The "Wilson league of nations" is functioning and the "Harding league of nations" is incubating.

**WILSON AND THE WAR**

Mr. Tumulty's book sheds light on many phases of the war and Mr. Wilson's connection with it that have been little understood. With regard to what was the actual turning point, he says:

On the morning when the news came of the great German offensive in March of 1918, Mr. Lloyd George told Mr. Bonar Law that only a vast increase in American reinforcements would save the allies. A cable was immediately framed, asking Mr. Wilson to send the number of reinforcements necessary. An affirmative answer was received from Mr. Wilson the same day.

When the Americans began to make themselves felt on the battlefront Lloyd-George said: "The race is now between Von Hindenburg and Wilson."

Later Mr. Wilson said in private: "What I greatly fear, now that the end seems inevitable, is that we shall go back to the old days of alliances and competing armaments and land-grabbing."

He fought on that line against great odds at Versailles. On the disposition of Germany's concessions in Shantung he was overruled through the influence of a pre-existing agreement between Japan and England, but in the main he won out and the enfranchisement of many small nations, instead of the victors taking them as their spoils, is his work.

If the newspapers of the country would follow the style of capitalization insisted on by the state institutions of learning they would be greatly changed in appearance. When a student of a school of journalism goes to work under the head-headed editor of one of the big dailies his experience is somewhat like that of a graduate from a business college in a big mercantile house. The head bookkeeper says: "He is under a handicap. He must first unlearn what he learned at the college and then learn to keep books."

Japan asks the United States to demolish fortifications in the Pacific if she consents to a reduction of her naval armament. That sounds like a burglar willing to lay aside the tools of his trade if we will take the locks off our doors.

Japan says she wants a predominant influence in China. That would be a usurpation of power over China and diametrically opposed to the open door policy of the United States.

The Oregon Historical society has selected "The Discovery of the Columbia River" as the subject of the 1922 C. C. Beckman history prizes. These prizes are four in number: First, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above-named subject written and submitted by girls or boys, over fifteen and under eighteen years of age, attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, university, or other educational institution in Oregon.

As Christmas draws near the old question faces us, "What can I give for a present?" Did you know there are few presents more acceptable than a year's subscription to the home paper? The price is \$1.50 and the entire family gets all the news for a year. All the letters you may write will not contain a fraction of the news of the town and vicinity. We get out a special Christmas number and place fancy cards in each new subscription number of that date, and usually we hear of the welcome visit of the old home paper. Think it over.

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