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FIGURES MAY LIE

The National Fertilizer association (the fertilizer trust) is spending money like the Newberry to prevent congress from allowing Henry Ford to buy the Muscle Shoals enterprise with the object of furnishing cheap nitrogen for farm use.

Its literature proclaims that sulphate of ammonia is sold at wholesale at the factory for \$48 a ton (How much does the farmer pay for it?)

The trust also declares that Ford cannot produce it for less than \$68 a ton.

Now Henry Ford has some vagaries, we'll admit, in but a manufacturing business, or in railroading on a small scale, he has proved a marvelous success. There are a number of things of which men as wise as these fertilizer men said "it couldn't be done," but he did it.

Just let Ford get hold of the Muscle Shoals plant and then watch these figures: \$68 a ton as the lowest for him and \$48 for the trust. We wouldn't be surprised to see a tumble in price in both cases.

A USELESS COMMISSION

The popular notion that the government guaranteed to railroads 6 per cent return on capital invested is a fallacy that seems to have caused more opinions adverse to railroads than any other.

The law gave them no such guarantee. The public service commission is required by law to fix fares and freights at such figures as it thinks will yield from 5½ to 6 per cent. As a matter of fact the rates it has fixed, and to which the railroads are compelled to adhere, have not yielded nearly such a per cent of earnings, and this fact has made it impossible for the companies to borrow money needed for upkeep.

Even the percentage provision of the law expires March 1 and the commission is simply required to fix what it deems fair rates.

This is one of the commissions which eat up our taxes and give satisfaction to nobody.

MORE PEACE ON EARTH

Having "scrapped" the League of Nations, as far as the United States is concerned, for the present at least, the best we could do was to try to limit war preparations outside the League, as all the rest of the world was trying to do through the League.

The financial burden of militarism pressed so heavily upon all the world that the proposal of this country was gladly accepted, for the other nations who were invited to our little conference are carrying much more grievous burdens than we are in war taxes, much as we growl about ours.

The Enterprise is publishing a series of articles by Mr. Lowry that let light in on the causes of the tax burdens we carry.

Poverty, not mercy nor justice, has impelled other nations to accept our proposal for reduction of armament, and the outlook for peace is much improved.

Two trials of Roscoe Arbuckle for killing Miss Rappé have failed, the jurors in the first standing two for conviction to ten for acquittal and in the other ten for conviction to two for acquittal. He is to be tried again. The fat carouser

says he has promise of a job if acquitted. The play producer who wants Fatty if acquitted is bold. The American people do not want their children to learn to look upon such a profligate and gin guzzler as Arbuckle as a hero and there probably are cats and eggs in storage for the first screen on which he shall be shown.

The fertilizer trust, which sell nitrates for \$48 a ton, is frantic ally and expensively working to prevent Henry Ford from getting the Muscle Shoals plant, where it says he cannot produce nitrates for less than \$68 a ton. If the trust tells the truth, why should it worry about Henry?

When the Hollywood film director Stein died at the end of a spree the film people, already stung to desperation by the revelations in court regarding the orgies their star, Arbuckle, had held, dropped the subject after at first announcing that it would be probed to the bottom. As the Arbuckle and Stein scandals fade farther into the past the announced ardor of the film people for reform of the movies seems to cool.

The Grain Dealers' association spent \$62,000 fighting the farmers' co-operative movement and the old party managers had no fault to find with the graindealers' bloc. But a farmers' bloc is different, you know. It might disrupt a party. Well, yes; it may.

It would seem impossible that here could be opposition in the Senate to the confirmation of the new peace treaties, but experience has shown that nothing is impossible in a United States senate.

A reduction of 76 percent in the tuberculosis death rate has been accomplished at the demonstration station at Farmington, Miss., in its five years' work. Go thou and do likewise.

In the Washington conference the Japanese demonstrated the fact that in open diplomacy (behind closed doors) they are crack-sheriffs.

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WHERE YOUR TAXES GO

State and national taxes have reached staggering proportions. And they continue to increase. Every legislature and every congress finds ways to increase the expenditures. Beginning this week Mr. Lowry will tell the readers of the Enterprise where the federal tax money goes. Read these articles. They are full of meat. There will be one each week for months to come. Clip them and place them in your scrap book.

(by Edward G. Lowry)

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WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED

I wish you would take what is written here as a personal report addressed directly to you from me about your business. Don't think of it or read it as an article about "politics" or remote public affairs at Washington. It is not that at all. It is what I ask you to think it, a personal business report to you relating to your individual concerns, your pocketbook and your welfare. I have no other interest than to tell you the exact truth.

Assume that you have sent me to Washington to find out for you what your agents are doing; how they are managing your affairs and spending your money. I call them your agents for that is all they are—the President, the members of the cabinet, the senators and all the members of the house of representatives. You hire them, you pay them, and you can fire them.

You may think of them in deference and awe as a group of eminent statesmen, or you may call them in flippancy and too hasty contempt "a lot of politicians." But whatever you call them, they are your hired men. They attend to your collective business, which is called the public business.

Query: Are they doing it efficiently and with a single-minded devotion to your interests?

Perhaps the largest item in the high cost of living is the high cost of government. And far and away the largest item in the high cost of government is the high cost of armament; preparation for war. About 90 per cent of all government revenues, and that means the money taken from you as taxes, goes to pay for wars, past, present and future.

Before I have concluded this series of articles I expect to show you conclusively that the compelling motive that induced President Harding to call the present conference in Washington to consider limitation of armaments was financial. The pressing need of considering a proposal for a reduction or limitation by agreement of war expenditure was not made entirely on the ground of morality or righteousness, but as a plan for cutting down the operating expenses of the government.

If the United States government were an individual we would say that it was broke, for its expenses exceed its income.

Your interest is simply this: that whatever decision is made you will have to pay the bill. If today we didn't have these army and navy expenses you would have to pay in taxes less than \$1,000,000,000 a year instead of \$5,000,000,000. That means we would have about \$4,000,000,000 more a year to spend on our private needs and pleasures. I frankly confess that I would enjoy having four-fifths of my taxes knocked off. Wouldn't you?

Secretary Weeks of the War department gave public warning a little while ago that the government would require of us about \$17,000,000 in the next thirty months to meet current expenses and other obligations.

Persons who have given close study to that possibility say that the need will be nearer \$20,000,000, than \$17,000,000. The great bulk of that is for past and prospective war expenditures. For this, you and congress and the Executive departments at Washington are responsible. You more than anybody else, for it is your money that is being spent and you can stop it. In its simplest terms the procedure is this: You earn the money, congress takes it away from you in the form of taxes, and then congress and the Executive departments spend it.

A great part of it is wasted. This is established, conceded, confessed, and acknowledged by congress, which authorizes the expenditures, and by the executive officers of the government, who do the actual spending. It is your money that you have earned in your business, on your farm, or by the labor of your hands, that is being expended and wasted at Washington.

Every cent that is extravagantly or needlessly expended by the government you could have in your pocket to meet the increased cost of food, lodging and clothing, doctors' bills and amusements, or to put away and save against a rainy day. If you only demanded determinedly and unitedly that governmental extravagance should cease.

I can tell you some of the conditions of governmental spending and how your money is chucked about, and I can tell you how you can stop it. The power is yours, and until you exercise it waste and extravagance will not stop.

The Great Policy.

Justice is itself the great standing policy of civil society; and any eminent departure from it, under any circumstances, lies under the suspicion of being no policy at all.—Edmund Burke.

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Halsey vs. Scio

A large crowd was out to the basketball game last Saturday night. The Scio team remarked that ours was the cleanest game they have played (maybe that was because they "cleaned" us so).

Glen Holland was the stellar player of the winning aggregation, Ed Sims playing a close second. Delos Clark and Wayne Robertson starred for Halsey.

This is the last game the high school will play on the home floor.

A reception was held for the visiting teams after the games. After playing games refreshments were served and Scio departed in high spirits.

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Variety of Forms.

NEMESIS ON TRAIL

Band of Italian Murderers Being Run
to Earth by Head of New York
Detective Squad, Fellow
Countryman.

New York.—The Sicilian camorra can put to shame any ordinary earthquake or tornado when it comes to dealing death in various forms, evidence collected by the Italian detective squad of the New York city police department indicates.

A list of 200 suspected Sicilian killings in New York city alone recently has been compiled. In addition to these there were 70 similar killings in Detroit, 4 in Buffalo, 5 in Syracuse, 4 in Denver, 20 in Chicago and more in other cities of the country.

These Camorra killers do the deadly work assigned them in a neat and orderly manner, leaving no evidence. They are inclined to make rather a social affair of such a murder, as in almost every instance they have lured their victims by promises of a pleasant party. The parties are always provided just prior to the sudden and violent demise of the guest to whom marked attention is paid.

Often Work in Daylight.
No expense is spared to make these affairs real events, in most instances. Weddings, dinners, duck hunts and automobile rides have been used as means to decoy victims out of their own neighborhoods and to lonely spots where the murders have been committed most efficiently. There are exceptions, of course. In a rush a murderer cannot always be expected to provide



of one Bartolo Fontano, a handsome, youthful, roving barber, will help to clear up more than a hundred of these murders, but he admits that he does not hope to obtain convictions in all cases.

Awful Thought.
A young woman was dining at a strange house. On the table was a dish of boiled onions and when her hostess was serving these and remarked that, of course, she liked them, the young woman replied enthusiastically: "Oh, yes, indeed; if there is one vegetable I like it is boiled onions." Just think, if her hostess' husband had been a chiropodist!—Boston Transcript.

Lyceum Course

The last number of the Lyceum course will be given at the

Rialto Tuesday Evening, February 14th

The lyceum committee appreciates the patronage the people of Halsey and vicinity have given the preceding shows and guarantees that there will be no disappointment in the coming entertainment.

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