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TRIPLING WITH HUMAN LIFE.

When a half-baked astrologer plans wholesale murder we are all concerned and hope for his conviction and punishment.

But there are other ways of doing away with human life that should waken most of us to the seriousness of neglect.

As health is one of the greatest of life's blessings, anything that impairs the health of any person, especially children, is a threat against the life and the one responsible for such neglect should be considered guilty of helping to destroy life.

There are a number of insidious ways of doing away with human life. Deaths from typhoid fever, diphtheria, smallpox, etc., are no longer excusable. Modern science is an open book and affords definite procedure which an intelligent citizen should pursue.

STATE INCOME TAX ADOPTED.

The state of Oregon has by vote of its legislature and vote of its electors, by a very small margin, adopted the state income tax measure. Whether it will work out to advantage or disadvantage remains to be seen. Opinions differ widely.

Comments coming from outside the state do not suggest reason for congratulation on the part of Oregon.

Oregon alone, of the four states of the Pacific Northwest, has adopted this form of tax. Commenting on the defeat of an income tax bill in the Montana legislature, the Helena Independent quoted approvingly from a Spokesman-Review editorial and says: "About the time the legislature of Oregon gave its approval to an income tax bill, the legislature of Washington at Olympia killed a similar measure. Our own lawmakers at Helena had turned down an income tax measure known as one of the governor's bills; thus the people of Washington and Montana escape a burden that shortly is to be inflicted upon the residents of Oregon."

The Spokesman-Review had remarked that when Oregon's farmers have had experience with the income tax and seen its workings as applied to themselves and its adverse effects on the development of their state, the law will lose its transitory popularity. But the Helena daily adds that "by that time it will be firmly established and a tax applied is hard to get rid of—the Oregon commissions and bureaus and boards and officials will need it and will find a way to keep it on the statute books."

RAILROADS AND TAXES.

The tax per mile in Oregon on the railroad properties operated in this state by the transcontinental lines, including the S. P. & S., in 1913 amounted to \$732.91 per mile. In 1922 the tax amounted to \$1,045 per mile.

In the country at large in 1913 the total tax paid by the railroads was \$181,400,000, and in 1922 it was \$304,885,000. For 1923 it is said the tax paid by the railroads will amount to \$330,000,000, or an increase of \$2 per cent over 1913.

According to the American Farm Bureau Federation the farmers are now paying an annual tax of approximately \$663,000,000, just double the railroad tax. This sum is said to be substantially larger than the total amount paid by the farmers in freight charges. A reduction in the farmers taxes of 10 per cent would afford greater relief than a like reduction in freight rates. Yet many political agitators make no effort to accomplish tax reduction but work to increase levies and assessments against the railroads.

During the past year the railroads of the country paid more than one-half of their net earnings in taxes.

Father and son week.

We need not more benefits but more light to see them.

It is gratifying to know that we are five years beyond the date of the armistice.

Let father and son week mean a more intimate understanding and fellowship between fathers and their boys and the observance will be permanent and beneficial.

Dollar wheat and twenty-five dollar a day plasterers find separate places in the news. They incite a little more thought, however, when they are linked together.

Timely Comments

By Arthur Brisbane.

Monsieur Loucheur, ablest financial mind in France, tells Americans, "You must put out of your minds all idea of getting the money that France owes you. Payment is impossible. Consider the stupendous sum France owes you."

The amount that France owes us is a little over four billion dollars. Loucheur may be right, payment may be impossible.

But this puzzles you. Poincare, consenting to a conference, says there mustn't be any suggestion of cutting down the amount he thinks Germany should pay. That amount is thirty billions.

If France can't pay "the stupendous sum" of four billions, how can Germany pay more than seven times as much? Will the world conference answer that question? Ordinary arithmetic won't answer.

Chickens lay more eggs when you light the coop at night, prolonging the period of eating. Everybody knows that. Now it is shown that prolonging the day by electric light will make plants increase their growth.

It seems we are getting poorer, especially the richest among us. Only one man in the United States this year pays tax on income of five million dollars. The government doesn't tell you that one is. Income tax reports are kept secret. The tax that a man pays on a small home is public property.

Only 21 Americans reported incomes of one million dollars or more. In 1920 70 reported incomes of a million. The solitary income of five millions represents 5 per cent on one hundred million dollars. Several Americans would laugh if you offered them a hundred million, for everything they own. This doesn't mean illegal or criminal evasion of income tax. The laws are drawn so that they reach small men, doctors, lawyers, moderate sized business men. They don't reach the really great fortunes. Everybody knows that several great fortunes, Henry Ford's, John D. Rockefeller's, and two or three others are worth many times one hundred million dollars. But the money is in corporations. The owners of the corporations do not draw the money out. They re-invest it, a good thing when it is re-invested in labor giving enterprises, not so good when invested in bonds that pay no tax whatever.

If the election of anybody for president would hurt your business or your feelings, "Lloyd's" of England will insure you against that election. One concern paid down \$38,000 and Lloyd's agreed to pay \$400,000 in case of Ford's election—issuing a policy, which is a good way of disguising a bet.

The question is: can Ford, by any chance, stampede the democratic convention? Political leaders believe that if Ford had a regular nomination it would be impossible to beat him. If the democrats believe it earnestly in 1924, and if Ford had somebody that could produce a "Cross of Gold" speech for him, stampeding the convention might not be difficult. What politicians want, first of all, is to win.

Last week Communists were marching on Berlin to upset the republican government. In this blessed country, at about the same time, the public was learning of a tobacco combination amounting to two hundred and fifty millions of dollars, combining big interests, simplifying business—all excellent, provided the public keeps track of what is done. Over in Europe they are tearing things to pieces. Here we are building up. Happy we.

With a loaf of bread in Germany costing five billion marks—which would have been \$1,250,000,000 in the old days—the intellectual allies are beginning to set aside all question of reparations. They are wondering whether they can hold Germany together and prevent the appearance of another and worse "Russia."

The learned Harvard Professor Shaler in his book on the mob declares that even a gathering of clergymen by certain influences could be turned into a murderous lynching mob. Our animal ancestors are still alive in the brains that we inherit from them.

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GIVE NATURAL LAW A CHANCE.

So many persons keep themselves so busy looking for something to improve, something to criticize, something in our system of government with which to find fault that they fail to note the tendency of the country towards growth and improvement. During the war iron and steel industries were suddenly geared to take care of the stupendous production necessary and incident to that gigantic undertaking. When the war ended it was thought the industries would be left high and dry, or at least find themselves in a position to take care of the country's demands for several decades. The fact is, however, that iron and steel production for this year have been practically at capacity, and this has been so in many other industries which have been surpassing war time production. It has well been said that any one who is a bear on America will soon be behind in the procession. Our industries have become so diversified that they support each other and seem jointly to hoist themselves even by their own bootstraps.

No longer does America depend on the outside world for economic support and capital. The tables have been turned. Capital is supplied, not borrowed by us, thus opening up foreign markets that for years have been closed books. The only seeming problem now to restore a genuine prosperity is the adjustment of farm prices which have been woefully low and made doubly valueless because of the increased prices of commodities. This is a situation to which the best of our economists may with profit address serious attention.

Actually the economic law will take care of the situation, if it be permitted to operate. Industrial growth means the growth of industrial population if this is not prohibited, and increased population spells increased consumption. The demand for labor in the mills and factories will soon cease to drain the farms once farm prices begin picking up.

Bankers are disposed to the belief that special legislation will not help the farmer. We are inclined to agree with this theory. At best it will prove a palliative. Special legislation, as a fact, has no place in America. Unfortunately it is from special legislation that the farmer is suffering—a created condition that insures the welfare of many well-watered railroads against all industries, not to speak of the people. The farmer can well afford to let economic law work itself out if the politicians will permit it to operate. As it is, however, there is clear discrimination against the man who feeds the nation.

There's a Limit. Insurance Agent (filling out life insurance blank)—"And now what kind of a car do you drive?" Applicant—"None, I hate 'em all." Insurance Agent—"I am sorry, sir, but this company no longer insures pedestrians."

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