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\$359,681,226 IN INCOME TAXES PAID GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Individuals and corporations throughout the country paid the government \$359,681,226 in income taxes during the past fiscal year, and the preliminary report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborne shows the sum being almost equally divided between corporations and individuals. The exact returns show corporations \$179,572,898; individuals, \$180,108,340.

New York, as expected, remained far in the lead of all other states with payment of \$46,566,952 in corporation taxes and \$81,495,783 in individual incomes. Western states made returns as follows, showing respectively, corporations' income tax and individual income tax: Alaska, \$49,132.34; \$20,772.03; California, \$6,147,289.14; \$2,870,314.24.

Idaho, \$217,479.58; \$176,771.97. Montana, \$776,719.99; \$298,627. North Dakota, \$218,771.77; \$27,159.64. Oregon, \$406,931.70; \$413,684.26. South Dakota, \$182,248.15; \$49,164.33. Washington, \$1,187,702.79; \$855,286.77. Wyoming, \$184,694.47; \$66,361.

INTERMENT FOR I. W. W. IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Sept. 3.—Joseph Kimberger, a German, was lodged in the jail here today by the United States marshal, under presidential order as an alien enemy. He was brought from Colfax, where he was attempting to organize the harvest hands for the Industrial Workers of the World.

CAPTIVE GERMAN OFFICER CONVINCED

PARIS, Sept. 3.—"It is a pity that so much blood has been shed in vain." A German officer, taken prisoner in the recent French advance north of Verdun, is thus quoted by the Echo de la Rochelle, and a staff officer who interrogated the German is given as authority for the interview. The German paid homage to the heroic courage of the French soldiers, but tried to discourage the idea that help would be forthcoming from the United States, declaring that President Wilson was fooling the allies. The conviction him, the German was taken before General Pershing, when tears rolled down his cheeks, and he remarked sadly: "Since that is the case, it is all over. We are lost."

MADDOX MAY TOUR COAST FOR LIBERTY BONDS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Secretary McAdoo is considering a liberty loan tour some time in October to the Pacific coast, with stops at chief cities.

GERMAN JOKES.

IT HAS been said by returned travelers, among them ex-Ambassador Gerard, that the German people have forgotten how to laugh since the war began. This does not refer to the ruling autocracy or the army, both of which have their jokes every time a peculiarly appalling atrocity is committed.

In an article in the Saturday Evening Post for Sept. 1, A. Curtis Roth, for many years American vice-consul at Plauen, Saxony, which everyone should read to secure a better understanding of Germany, he quotes Lieutenant Enck of the 134th Saxon regiment as describing a favorite amusement of the picked troops of the western front, as follows:

Lieutenant Enck told me that the men in these flying organizations become merciless savages by reason of the blood-gut of their work. He said that the men of these organizations seldom give quarter, but kill both enemy wounded and prisoners. He spoke of receiving orders to take no Canadian prisoners, when his command was doing duty in Flanders. His troops held a trench section next to a Bavarian flying contingent, and he described how the Bavarians split the heads of their prisoners with their keenly sharpened trenching tools.

"The prisoners let out just one roar," he said; "and it was funny to see them sprawl on the ground like crazy crabs!"

How funny!—from the German viewpoint. Robert Palouse of Medford, who is serving in Stanford university ambulance corps in France, writes to friends of another German joke, perpetrated upon a helpless wounded soldier he rescued in his ambulance on the battlefield. The soldier had had both legs broken by shot, and the retreating Germans hacked both cars and one arm off the helpless man.

Countless little Belgian children now in America offer evidences of German humor, ears cut off, and hands cut off, maimed for life as a joke of German chivalry.

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn"—but never before has man been so inhuman as the Germans, so lacking in all decency, chivalry and fair play, guilty of so many barbaric atrocities. They bomb school houses and slay little children. They fire at Red Cross hospitals and kill wounded. They torpedo and sink hospital ships filled with sick men. They rescue their victims aboard submarines and then submerge to drown them. They approach the enemy with hands up, declaring their surrender, and then squirt liquid fire when their enemies are within range.

War has been made more hideous by German inhumanity. There is nothing hateful, nothing vile, nothing atrocious in the history of the world that the Germans have not been guilty of. They have stained the fair name and forever damned the fame of Germany the world over. Without chivalry, gallantry, humanity, bound by no rules of honor, no respect for spoken word, no regard for decency, they have reduced war to horrible murder.

No wonder no one laughs in Germany, except autocracy and its tools. The more misery, frightfulness and atrocity the greater the joke to them.

CENTRAL POINT

Rev. M. C. Reed of Ashland was calling on his many friends here the first of the week.

Little Francis Broadbent has returned home after a week's visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Campbell, in Medford.

Mrs. Carstens of Butte Falls is visiting Central Point friends this week.

There will be a concert in the Central Point opera house Friday evening, September 7th. This entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church. With the exception of one participant, Mr. Campbell, the famed elocutionist of Ashland, all numbers will be by local talent. The program will certainly be a great musical treat—every one will get their 25 cents' worth and will never regret spending that amount in war times. Everyone's presence will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. W. E. Kahler's hospitable home will be the gathering place of the next Woman's Home Missionary society meeting, on Tuesday afternoon, September 4.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price and Mr. Cummings recently visited with their former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weston, in Ashland Sunday.

Young Leslie Hawk, who recently went to our metropolis to work in a machine shop, has made good and is now earning a wage of 30 cents an hour, with hopes of a good raise soon, in the Northwest Steel company. There is no place like Portland, writes Leslie. It is the city of opportunity.

W. J. Freeman, Mrs. Freeman and the latter's mother, Mrs. Julia Owen, returned home the first of the week from a several days' auto trip to Marshfield and other coast cities.

Mr. Williamson of Portland has been sent to Central Point to serve as assistant depot agent here.

A. R. Parker made a business trip to Antioch and Sams valley Friday.

Miss Gladys Holmes left for Derby Saturday morning, at which place she will teach the coming year.

The young people of the Epworth League of the Methodist church will be entertained by Miss Helen Carlton Wednesday evening. The entertainment will be rather a unique one. All the young people of the community are invited to attend.

Poor picking is in full swing of all of the orchards now. There is not an idle boy or girl in the community. The girls do just as well as the boys in the picking, regardless of the fact that the work is rather heavy for young girls. "We have to do our

share," say the little ladies, and they go at it with all their might.

Mrs. Hockenoy and daughters of Medford were calling on Central Point friends the first of the week.

Mrs. Merritt and daughter, Miss Maud, of Derby, were recent business visitors in Central Point.

Mrs. Art Lewis and mother, Mrs. W. D. Lewis, were in Jacksonville the first of the week.

Rev. John C. Stille and mother of Derby were business visitors in the valley Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Merritt came up from Gold Hill this week to visit with her many friends here.

Our people were greatly surprised and shocked on awaking Sunday morning to learn that W. T. Stidham ("Pat") had been killed on the Siskiyou in an accident. "Pat," as he was known in Central Point, spent most of his life here, was well thought of, and the sympathy of the entire community is with the bereaved mother, sisters and brothers.

MOVE FOR TRIAL OF GRECIAN MERCHANTS

ATHENS, Sunday, Sept. 2.—In the chamber of deputies yesterday a group of deputies put forward a resolution for the trial before a special tribunal of members of ministries of former Premiers Skouladis, Gounaris and Lambros. They are accused of having attempted to interfere with the constitutional regime for the sake of imposing the personal policy of King Constantine, of dissolving the cabinet illegally, of violating the treaty of alliance with Serbia and of negotiating with the Germans and Bulgarians the surrender of territory in northeastern Greece.

PORTUGUESE TELEGRAPHERS HAVE GONE ON STRIKE

PARIS, Sept. 3.—According to information from Madrid today the Portuguese employees in the postal and telegraph service, have gone on strike resulting in the suspension of all communication.

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BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

WATER DISTRICT LAW UPHELD BY HIGHEST COURT

The irrigation committee has sent out the following circular letter regarding interpretation of the district irrigation law:

Under an act similar in all important respects to the act under which the Medford irrigation district is being formed, a landowner took her case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and objected to the assessment on her land because the act was unfair, unreasonable and unconstitutional.

These are the only substantial arguments raised upon this election. Our opponents are making other statements, which have no foundation in fact, and we disprove them as fast as we hear of them.

In deciding the above points the court stated it had in mind that there are different degrees in which irrigation is necessary.

(a) When the land cannot produce a crop without irrigation, or at best only a puny or unreliable crop.

(b) When the land without irrigation will still produce the ordinary cereal crops to a more or less uncertain extent, but which with irrigation will produce certain and larger crops than without it.

That is the very situation in this valley, so you see the court had the facts before it.

The Court Decided:

1. That to irrigate and bring into possible cultivation large masses of lands would seem to be a public purpose and a matter of public interest, not confined to the land owners, or even to any one section of the state. It is not essential that the entire community should directly enjoy or participate in an improvement to constitute a public use. All land owners in the district have the right to a proportionate share of the water and no land owner is favored above his fellow in his right to the use of the water.

2. Referring to the fact that some land would be more benefited by water than other land, the decision was that if land which can, to a certain extent, be beneficially used without artificial irrigation, may yet be so much improved by it that it will be substantially benefited, and, in addition to its former use, if it can then be put to more paying uses, it is wrong to say that the furnishing of irrigation to that kind of land cannot be a public improvement, or the use of water a public use. If the land can not be benefited at all, the act provides a hearing upon which the land owner must have his just rights recognized and necessary relief obtained.

Hearings Given Owner.

3. That the act provided for a hearing of the land owners as to the question whether the land will be benefited by the proposed irrigation; and when that has been decided in favor of the benefit, another hearing must be given the land owner upon the question of the assessment.

At the end of the opinion the court said: "After careful scrutiny of the objections to this act we are compelled to the conclusion that no one of such objections is well taken."

The Supreme Court of the United States is the highest court in the country. Its decisions are the law of the land, and you may be confident that they will protect your rights.

The Oregon district irrigation act has many safeguards besides the ones mentioned above.

Safeguards for District.

(a) Each director must provide a \$5000 bond for the faithful performance of his duties.

(b) The county treasurer is the treasurer of the district.

(c) Canvass of all election returns must be made in public, also all meetings of the directors.

(d) Any irrigation scheme adopted by the directors must be examined and approved by the state engineer.

What Do You Know About Your Blood Supply?

Your ignorance may startle you. Few people know of the many functions of the blood supply, and just how important it is that it be kept absolutely free from all impurities. The health of the entire body depends upon the condition of the blood. You are invited to write and obtain a booklet that gives you some invaluable information on this im-

and then submitted to the people at a second election. This first election is only to elect directors, and authorize an investigation.

(e) No director or officer can be interested directly or indirectly in any contract with the district, under penalty of fine and imprisonment.

(f) If an owner becomes delinquent in the payment of the assessment, his lands may be sold for the delinquency, which each year would be only a few dollars per acre, and thus the final payment of the bonds is insured.

Equality for All.

(g) The bonds need not be finally paid off for forty years, so that the annual payments must be small.

(h) Everyone in the district must pay each year the same amount per acre. One man cannot pay up in one lump the total amount to be assessed against his land, any more than he could pay his taxes in advance for the next forty years.

(i) The directors must, upon a hearing, exclude all land from the district which cannot be directly benefited by irrigation.

(j) No warrants for indebtedness shall be issued and outstanding in excess of \$1 per acre.

If you want confirmation of these statements, ask your own lawyer to show you the law in the statute books and reports of the United States Supreme Court. Nothing is ever slipped through that court. It has protected the people of the United States for more than 125 years. Why shouldn't it continue to do so? Trust it.

SCOTT WIRES FOR INCOME CONSCRIPTION

W. J. Scott has sent the following telegram to Senator LaFollette and requests its publication. The Mail Tribune prints it, so that people may see just what kind of an American the writer is:

My Dear Senator:

Men and money are Siamese twin brothers in war; one is of little use without the other, and one should not be conscripted without the other. Eighty percent of drafted men are asking exemption from military duty on one pretext or another; the conscript finds his constitutional right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" arbitrarily taken from him; instead of the law being a creature of the people the people are the creature of the law. To object is to place himself in the criminal class, to be hunted like a wild beast of the jungle. Incomes should be conscripted and the attempt to evade should be subject to as severe penalty as that for conscripted men. The taking of annual incomes at this time down to \$5000 if necessary may be the means of averting the repudiating of the whole war cost at a later date. At the close of the civil war the nation placed a bonded indebtedness of two billion dollars. In the 50 years following we paid in eight billion and still owed one billion. With the one billion added to the eleven billion now proposed, paying at the same rate it would require 600 years and 96 billion dollars to square the account, providing no other bonds were issued. The taking annual incomes would reach war profits as well as all other extortions.

WM. J. SCOTT.

NEW EXPORT RULES FOR SWISS DECIDED

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—New export rules for Switzerland have been decided upon after conferences between representatives of Switzerland, Great Britain, France, Russia and the United States, under secretary of blockade announced today. Under these Switzerland will in future be permitted to send only 40,000 pounds of chocolate to countries at war with the allies.



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