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TAXING LAND VALUES.

ONE of the most sensible suggestions placed before the House Ways and Means Committee that is drafting the new war revenue bill, is the proposal to tax idle land into production. Arguments in favor of the land tax were made by H. H. Willock, a Pittsburg oil magnate, William Kent of California, former Congressman and member of the tariff board and Judge H. K. Ralston, attorney for the American Federation of Labor, who presented organized labor's attitude.

The speakers all argued that land monopoly, ought to bear its share of the war tax burden.

Ralston presented a bill for making the taxation constitutional. Willock suggested that the boys fighting "over there" ought to be made to feel that they will have a stake in the land of their country and not be fighting "for a boarding house," while Kent argued that a lot of rich men, like himself, should not be allowed to maintain useless servants and should not be permitted to hold valuable lands out of production, while people were in need of all the food and other products land can possibly be made to yield.

Ralston's bill provides for the taxing of land holdings above \$25,000 in value on the theory that such a tax falls upon the privilege of the use and enjoyment of lands of large value. Like the tax on the privilege of distilling liquor, the tax falls on the privilege without regard to the use made of it. The author said:

"The right to hold land is to be treated as a privilege and, while the land may not be taxed, the privilege—the franchise to hold and use—is fairly the subject of taxation. It differs in no wise from the franchise of a corporation whose property is taxed separately from the right to hold and control its property."

It was suggested that the law could start with a tax on lands primarily valued for mineral production—as such a tax would reach to big steel and iron monopolies—would in effect be a tax on the privilege of monopoly due to ownership of tremendous fields of ore, only a small percentage of which is worked.

Taxation of land monopoly is one way to check the growing evil of tenantry. In our larger cities, only a small percentage of the people own their homes and every year sees the concentration of property into larger holdings. Small cottages own the bulk of city property and the evil is growing greater yearly. The present system of taxing industry and presenting the profits of that industry to land holders, accelerates the process of sending the land into the hands of the few, to make it increasingly harder for the many to make a living.

Land monopoly must be broken up, idle land made available for idle men, and the door of opportunity opened for the boys at the front. The rent profiteer and the land profiteer should be taxed along with other war profiteers—not only to raise the needed war revenue, but to establish social justice and abolish privilege, creator of poverty.

CHAUTAUQUA TO OPEN AT ASHLAND THURSDAY EVENING

ASHLAND, July 17.—The Chautauqua assembly for 1918 will be ushered in Thursday evening with the appearance of the Ashland and Medford Choral societies in grand concert. George Andrews, of Medford, will be director, and Mrs. Henry Enders, of this city, accompanist. It is eminently fitting that the Chautauqua period, replete with musical and literary treats, should have for its initial attraction an entertainment of home talent, an event the local coloring of which invites enthusiastic support in view of the merits of the composite organization which numbers over 75 talented exponents of the art of music, both vocal and instrumental. To the personnel of the combined choral societies the term "amateur" should be qualified in a sense to also imply professional skill and artistic excellence. The main numbers on a diversified program are as follows, the patriotic spirit being rekindled by the national anthem and that exquisite lyric, "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

"Star Spangled Banner."

"The Long Day Closes" Sullivan

"The Heavens Are Telling" from Creation Hayden

Solo, "The Winds in the South" Solo, "The Winds in the South" John Prindle Scott

Mrs. Perry Ashcraft

"Woo Thou Sweet Music" Edw. Elgar Solo and chorus, "Keep the Home Fires Burning" Mrs. Frank Isaacs

Second Part.

"Oh Hush Thee, My Baby" Sullivan

Violin solo, selected.

W. Carlton James

Italian Street Song, Victor Herbert

Solo, "Flower Song" from Faust Gounod

Mrs. Henry Provost

Duet, "The Passage Bird's Farewell" Hildaeh

Mrs. Sylvia Provost and Miss Lillian Hilly

Sacrus, from Messe Solenne Gounod

Picnic a Prelude

An opportune prelude to the Chautauqua opening event will be a big picnic by the joint business men's associations of the entire county, to be held in Ashland park on Thursday afternoon. At this gathering business and pleasure will be intermixed in just the right proportions, the consideration of problems financial to be followed by the picnic frolics as outlined in the following schedule: 2:30-3:00—Band concert by Medford band. 3:00-3:30—Speeches by Will Gates of Medford, and J. W. McCoy of Ashland. 3:30-4:00—Trades conferences. 4:00-6:00—Athletic events, which will include fat man's race, 50-yard dash, three-legged race, Nail-driving contest for the ladies. Baseball game played with indoor ball on the park lawn. Tennis games. 6:00-7:00—Big basket lunch. 7:00-7:30—Band concert by Ashland band.

Full Lunch Baskets

The admonition, "let the lunch baskets be overflowing," is impressed upon all, inasmuch as the band organizations are expected to be remembered with a good substantial meal. A local committee will supply the coffee. The business men have offered over a score of prizes which are now on display. These include articles in both the useful and ornamental classification. The bids lead off with a handsome vase, to which are added shoes, safety razors and other necessities, supplemented by boxes of fine confectionery, etc. This jolly reunion to be held on the specific picnic area, midway between Chautauqua park and the auto camp grounds, where every convenience for visitors is available. The picnic event was changed from July 17 to Thursday afternoon, July 18, incidentally to signalize the opening date of chautauqua and afford the large company of visitors an opportunity of attending the concert by the choral societies in the evening.

GERARD'S LIFE IN KAISER'S COURT SHOWN IN FILM

The long expected, and probably the most important film production of the year made from Ambassador James W. Gerard's famous book, "My Four Years in Germany," comes to the Page theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday, direct from a sensational run at the big Coliseum theatre, Seattle, when during its two weeks engagement it was shown to over a hundred thousand people and shattered every attendance record for a picture in the Pacific northwest.

Few diplomats have been so privileged as Mr. Gerard, and none has borne himself with greater credit. As long as history shall be written, Sir Edward Goschen's narrative of his last interview with the German chancellor, the famous "serap of paper" incident, will be quoted. That, however, is but a page in the history of events.

In the elaborate film production of Ambassador James W. Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany," you have the opportunity to see the entire story of Germany's plots and intrigue exactly as Mr. Gerard did during his four years stay in the hotbed of German diplomacy.

You see the inside workings of the autocratic and efficient military machine that has embroiled the world in one gigantic orgy of destruction, with the tense realism of life.

You see the German display of cunningness, haughtiness and suspicion toward the representative of a powerful, neutral country and the consistent effort of America to avoid the conflict until it became an impossibility.

If a German wants to find an explanation of the consistency of America at the present moment, he can find it. He need not be unrolled before him act after act of "My Four Years in Germany" to realize that no nation with a sense of honor and a knowledge of its own power could long tolerate the scorn and ignominy which the Kaiser and military leaders of Germany poured out upon America.

The world has asked for a picture of German life, of the twisted psychology of the German mind, of the workings of a system which takes a nation of honorable individuals and makes of them a nation of dishonorable intrigues.

"My Four Years in Germany" is therefore not only a picture of dramatic power, but one of the most important diplomatic disclosures published during any war in world history.

FORCE GERMAN TO TAKE IN HOMELESS

AMSTERDAM, July 17.—The Dutch government has proposed to estimate families with spare rooms or owners of empty premises to place them at the disposal of homeless civilians. The press is bitterly opposed.

HUNS ARROGANT IN MAKING PEACE WITH RUMANIANS

LONDON, June 30.—(By the Associated Press Correspondent recently in Rumania.)—The business of making peace with Germany is not a pleasant one for the persons who have to conduct the negotiations. The Rumanian delegates who went down from Jassy in March at the invitation of the Germans found no warm welcome or pleasant hospitality awaiting them at Bucharest. "We were treated as less than the dogs," said one of the delegates in picturesquely Rumanian metaphor, on his return from Jassy.

These were merely the preliminary and informal negotiations. The formal peace talks did not begin until some days later. The delegation which undertook these preliminary conversations were headed by M. Papinian, former Rumanian minister at Constantinople, and his associates included representatives of the principal political parties.

Although the had come to Bucharest at the personal invitation of the German commander-in-chief Field Marshal von Mackensen could give them only five minutes of his time. He kept them standing and treated them with deliberate coldness. His attitude was summed up by his declaration: "You ought to be glad that we are prepared to discuss peace with you at all, instead of merely imposing it upon you. We extend you this favor only out of consideration for the heroic resistance of your army."

At the end of the five minutes which Von Mackensen allotted the delegates, they were turned over to some subordinate officer, who discussed with them whether the abdication of the king ought to be included in the peace terms. Only the most indefinite proposals could be obtained from the German officers, and it was plain from Von Mackensen's conversation that he had very limited powers in these matters.

BRITAIN LIKELY TO KEEP RAILROADS

LONDON, July 17.—Railway workers in England are watching with interest the war-time operation of railroads by the United States government—and whether permanent federal operation is likely.

A. G. Walkden of the Railway Clerks' association, in addressing a meeting of railway workers here, said there was a strong disposition in all quarters to allow the British government to retain the railways after the war.

Workers are perfectly satisfied with conditions—for thus far an average of \$225,000,000 a year has been paid them in supplementary war wages.

Women's Devotion to Home

Home duties to many women appear more important than health. No matter how ill they feel, they drag themselves through their daily tasks, overdo and pay the penalty in headaches, backache, dragging-down pains and nervousness; they become irritable, and finally discover that some form of female complaint has fastened itself upon them. When a woman gets into this condition there is one tried and true remedy made from the roots and herbs of the field, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for more than forty years has continued its great work among women in restoring health after many other remedies have failed.



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Medford, Oregon, Jan 13, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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Witnesses: M. A. Anderson, Medford S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point, Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point, W. J. Childreth, Eagle Point, C. E. Moore, Eagle Point, J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point, Geo. B. Von der Heiden, Eagle Point, Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point. Friday, June 28th, War Savings Day

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HOSPITAL BONDS TO BE PRESENTED

The Liberty bonds donated to the early fund of the Sacred Heart hospital will be given to their new owners Mayor Gates at the Page theatre at the regular performance next Saturday evening. As only one more week is left for the ticket sale on the bonds, the committee in charge of the campaign anticipates record sales during the last few days.

Until the recent high prices of necessities of life went into effect the Sisters of the Sacred Heart hospital received little assistance in the charity work they performed, but, if this work is to be continued during the coming year, outside financial assistance must be forthcoming. During the year the hospital served no less than 1400 meals free of charge to unfortunate people, besides providing more than 700 nights lodging without charge. In addition to this, many people without means are nursed and cared for at the hospital each year, without charge.

The bond sale for the benefit of the charity fund is a worthy one and deserves the support of all those able to contribute. Tickets are on sale at the Medford Furniture & Hardware Co., Martin J. Reddy's, and other business houses.

The sale will take place Saturday evening at the Page theatre, under the management of the Colony club, Mrs. Fred Hopkins and Mrs. Phil Lammel, committee.

DROP PROSECUTION OF LINDBERGH

FAIRMONT, Minn., July 17.—A. C. Allen, county attorney for Martin county, announced today that the case against Charles A. Lindbergh, defeated republican candidate for nomination as governor at the June primaries, set for trial July 18, will be dismissed.

The decision of the state supreme court that indictments against A. C. Fowley, president of the Non-Partisan league, and Joseph Gilbert, an organizer of that organization, which caused dismissal of their cases, caused similar action in the case against Lindbergh.

The prosecution of Lindbergh, who was endorsed in his candidacy for governor by the Non-Partisan league, was based on his alleged attempt to teach Non-Partisan league doctrine.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during our recent sad bereavement; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

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Notice to Patrons.

It is requested that shopping and ordering be done as early in the forenoon as possible next Thursday, July 18th, as Medford stores have agreed to close at noon to allow the businessmen and clerks and their families to attend the Jackson county merchants' picnic in the afternoon and evening.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, Pres. J. H. CARKIN, Secretary.

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RAIDS BY BRITISH NET PRISONERS

LONDON, July 17.—Raids carried out last night by the British east of Villers-Bretonneux and in the neighborhood of Hulleuch, on the front to the north, resulted in the taking of prisoners, the war office announced today.

In the Somme and Ancre sectors, north of the Scarpe, the enemy artillery was active last night. Similar activity was displayed by the Germans in Flanders, northeast of Bethune and north of Bailluet.

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT KILLED.

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It was seen that Roosevelt suddenly lost control of his machine, having probably received a mortal wound.

Quentin Roosevelt, in April, 1917, joined the Canadian aviation corps to train for service with the American army. He was commissioned last fall and in the present spring began active service with the American air forces on the French front. On July 2 he took part in an aerial battle between American and German machines in the Marne region and on July 10 it was announced that he had brought down his first German airplane in a fight north of Chateau Thierry.

Baby of the White House

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Quentin Roosevelt was the baby of the Roosevelt administration and his parents of the White House and school are affectionately remembered by Washington. He was born here in November, 1897, when his father was assistant secretary of the navy.

The boy was a born naturalist and many were the stories told of his early days in the White House when he kept the family and his attendants in a state of anxiety over his strange pets, birds, bees, wild and domestic, even reptiles, which often escaped. Once when Archie was ill Quentin became possessed of the idea that his brother's recovery depended on seeing Archie's pony. He managed to get the little animal into the private elevator in the White House and took him to the bed room on the upper floor, where the sick boy lay.

Dressed in Indian garb, Quentin surrounded a band of Indians from the small boys living in the neighborhood of the White House and many were the fierce tribal battles fought under the ancient eaves of the White House.

DUVAL EXECUTED, TRAITOR TO FRANCE

PARIS, July 17.—(Havas Agency.) M. Duval, director of the Germanophile newspaper Bonnet Rouge, was executed today for treasonable actions against the government.

The execution of M. Duval is the second growing out of the German propaganda of "Bolsism" or "defeatism" in France. The first was Bolo Pasha.

The trial of Duval and six associates began on April 28 and concluded May 15 with the death sentence being imposed upon Duval and the six others being given prison terms ranging from two to ten years.

Louis J. Matvy, former minister of the interior, is now on trial charged with treason, thru his connection with the affair.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP GATHERING

Sunday School Group Number 2 held a meeting Sunday, July 14, 1918, near Butte Creek.

The meeting was opened with a talk by the president, Mrs. A. H. Cree, followed by a song by the schools and the secretary's report of the two previous group meetings. The regular of the morning was devoted to the regular Sunday school session, superintended by the Sunday school missionary, Mr. G. C. Griffin.

Upon returning from the several classes, an interesting review exercise on the character of Philip and the geographical location and brief history of Gaza, Ethiopia and Azania, was given by the different members followed by an inspiring talk by Mr. Griffin. After luncheon the meeting was opened by the "Children's Hour," conducted by Miss Myrtle Hillis. An interesting illustrated talk was given by Rev. Childer of Medford.

The hour was thoroughly enjoyed by the older ones present as well as the children. Music was furnished with a band selection by Mr. Helms and several numbers by a ladies' quartette.

Rev. Sprizza, pastor of the Baptist church of Medford, gave a spiritual and non-fictitious address, taking for his text, Matthew 14:16—But Jesus said unto them, they need not depart; give ye them to eat.

Such a gathering proves to be not only a spiritual uplift, but also helps promote a spirit of congenial co-operation between the various Sunday schools. ETHEL I. HILLIS, Secretary.

JAPAN SWEEP BY VIOLENT TYPHOON

OSAKA, Japan, Tuesday, July 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—A violent typhoon struck southwest Japan and the Looche islands on the night of July 11. Communication has been interrupted. Floods occurred in Kobe and Osaka.

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