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There's a Reason

IT IS to laugh! The Democrats killed the sales tax a week ago because it "hit the little fellow."

On Wednesday they passed a stamp tax which presumably doesn't. At least we heard no champion of the common people get up and oppose it on such grounds.

WE WONDER why? The sales tax would have hit the "little fellow" only when he made a purchase—and not an imperative purchase either, for food, clothing and medicines had been eliminated from the measure before the vote was taken.

In other words the sales tax would only have hit the little fellow who enjoyed a cash surplus above mere subsistence. The little man only able to decently clothe and properly nourish himself and family, would have escaped the tax entirely.

But the champions of the little fellow won. The sales tax was killed. Whereupon less than a week later the stamp tax was passed.

We can imagine no tax that will hit the little fellow harder. Not every one buys much these days, outside of food, clothing and medicine. But everyone writes letters and mails them.

WHY then did no one rise in the House and defend the little fellow. We think we know why, although of course there is always a chance EVEN OF A NEWSPAPER EDITOR being mistaken.

But here is OUR explanation: There was no well-organized and highly-paid lobby fighting against it. There WAS such a lobby fighting against the sales tax and it was financed by an extraordinary combination—department stores, chain stores, and the American Federation of Labor. The National Grange also joined the opposition but according to our information, contributed no money toward it.

Here is a description of that lobby by one of the best informed newspaper men in Washington: "It was one of the most powerful intangible battering rams that ever hit a congressman on the head."

When the stamp tax was proposed there was no battering ram to hit any congressman on the head. That was why the stamp tax won and the sales tax lost. All this talk about protecting the little fellow was as usual, just so much hokey.

Complete Moral Bankruptcy!

SPEAKING of taxes—According to the Associated Press, the Patman bill appropriating \$2,400,000,000 in full payment of the soldiers bonus, is likely to pass both the House and Senate.

Everyone demands that the government do everything it CAN do to end the depression. Everyone knows,—at least every well informed person,—that the first and absolutely essential step in that process, is to balance the federal budget.

Until that is done there can be no end to the depression. Until that is done, even the credit of this country, the richest and strongest in the world, will be threatened.

REALIZING this, and under the lash of Speaker Garner's snake-whip, members of the House working night and day, have just succeeded in doing this on paper.

And yet we are told, that these same members—at least a majority of them—intend to undo their work completely by voting a new burden of over 2 billion dollars, upon the taxpayers of this country!

SUCH action seems insane,—utterly incredible. Such action is both insane and incredible, except to those who understand this nauseating game of practical politics.

We don't believe there is a Congressman or Senator, who honestly believes the passage of this tremendous bonus, AT THE PRESENT TIME, is either the right thing or the patriotic thing to do. But if this A. P. report is correct, only a minority of them, have the courage and the manhood, to stand by their convictions, and run the risk of incurring the political displeasure of an organized minority.

We can't believe that even a majority of ex-service men, favor such action. But no doubt an ACTIVE minority does, and it is this minority that our spineless and servile representatives in Washington, intend to truckle to.

A more striking example of the complete bankruptcy of moral fibre and true statesmanship in the Congress, could scarcely be imagined. But that, dear reader, is the game of professional politics, as it is played, in this country before every important election!

Today

By Arthur Brisbane In Rainy Washington. Buy Your New Car. Ocean Flying Soon. Three Death Stories.

Copyright King Features Synd. Inc. WASHINGTON, March 31.—Here, the heart of the nation is beating as well as can be expected. It is raining, a long slow all-day rain that reminds you of a business depression.

Taxicab drivers welcome the rain, which helps business. Their charge has been cut down to twenty cents a ride, "almost anywhere in Washington," says a colored driver, adding that unemployment has doubled the number of taxi drivers because "anybody can drive a taxi."

Then he laughs heartily. A white man would tell you the same thing, with a sour look reminding you of Lenin and Karl Marx rolled into one.

President Hoover, working late as usual, when the writer called at the White House this afternoon, was about to prepare a statement that will be pleasing to the automobile industry.

The President believes that buying a new automobile is an excellent way to help employment in one of the greatest industries, and, at the same time, contribute to general cheerfulness. Now that the new models are ready and on view, select your 1932 car.

To possess, drive and exhibit a new automobile, glittering in the glory of chromium plating, is to prove that you are not hoarding your money, and that you are contributing practically to the problem of employment and the happiness of your family.

The house hopes to get a tax bill ready for tomorrow. It will include a tax on stock sales of one-quarter of one per cent. Uncle Sam is in Wall Street with a vengeance, taking from the market twice what the brokers get.

If all goes well, representatives expect to raise one billion dollars with this bill.

There are some "ifs" and several "buts" in the program.

Mr. Alvin Macaulay, head of the Packard company, is here to say that the proposed tax on automobiles will wreck the industry.

Mr. Common Sense is here to tell the "sock rich" brigade that the tax that would take away three-quarters of really big incomes will not yield the desired gold milk. The big incomes will not materialize.

The best news in town has to do with ocean flying. Private enterprise and capital proposes to build a line of super-dirigibles, bigger than the Akron, to carry passengers and mails across the Atlantic and Pacific.

Nothing is asked of the government but a chance to carry the mails as other craft enjoy. That the bill introduced by Congressman Crozier of Ohio will pass, there is no doubt.

Speed is everything in modern commerce. Germany already has a huge Zeppelin running from Berlin to Buenos Aires in four days, as against 16 days by surface ships.

The American dirigible will cross the Atlantic in two and one-half days, making the round trip once a week with time for overhauling.

The establishment of this line, across both oceans, will be invaluable in sending samples, salesmen and mail. The pity is that it will take three years to get the first giant ship ready. Germany is already building a ship bigger than the Akron, but America's monopoly of helium gas will give us also a monopoly of safe dirigible travel, if we care to have it. More about this important news later.

It is a pleasure to state positively that general business and financial news is better. Under the heading of "Small Blessings Thankfully Received" comes the news that in March bank closings fell to a low ebb and were more than made up for by the opening of banks bigger than those that closed.

On the other hand, no Canadian bank has closed. In this country you wonder whether Canada has a better bank plan or better bankers than we have.

Eugene Meyer, Jr., head of the Federal Reserve, whose specialty is giving a business-like imitation of the sphinx, radiates a little sunshine, although he would not admit it.

It is clear that he thinks we are climbing over the brow of the hill. He was at work in the reconstruction corporation today. General Daves beside him, too busy to produce his historical pipe.

Cloudy tonight and Saturday, but rain late tonight or Saturday in west. Moderate temperature, moderate changeable winds, becoming fresh southerly offshore.

Crystalline—Kodak glass supreme The Possesys, opp. Holy Theatre.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

YELLOW FOODS FOR VITAMIN A.

From animal experimentation we infer that an adequate quantity of vitamin A may help to keep us immune to infections in general and respiratory infections in particular. We may be wrong about this. It will take many years' patient observation of persons subsisting on various diets to determine whether the inference is applicable to man.

Meanwhile, no harm in seeing to it that everybody, particularly the children, gets enough vitamin A. Yellow foods seem to be the best sources of this vitamin. It was first found in butterfat, then in egg yolk and then in cod liver oil. Of course whole milk and cream contain it, but butter is the richest of the three. Ripe bananas, orange, orange juice, contain it. Sweet potatoes and carrots contain vitamin A, while white potatoes and red, white tubers or roots contain little or none. Yellow corn or yellow corn meal contains it; white corn meal does not. Vitamin A is abundant in liver, kidney, sweetbread, but only sparingly found in lean meats or in the body fat of animals. It is not found in appreciable quantity in olive oil, cottonseed oil, coconut oil, peanut oil or other vegetable oil. The green relatives — spinach, watercress, lettuce, beet tops, turnip tops, celery leaves, radish tops and raw cabbage are all excellent sources of vitamin A. So are the green onion tops.

This vitamin is destroyed by oxidation. Therefore, you cannot get enough of it in a diet made up largely of preserved, dried, canned or salted foods. Storage permits slow oxidation. Prolonged heating in a vessel which gives access to the air destroys the vitamin A in the food, but in ordinary cooking the vitamin A is not entirely destroyed, and in canning by vacuum process it is not destroyed. Formerly vitamin A was confused with vitamin D. The nutrition experts concluded that two separate substances were concerned, and they therefore postulated two where only one had previously purported to exist. It is all very confusing, this vitamin business. Some of the experts have insisted that there are six or seven vitamins demanding recognition.

Senator Hiram Johnson was working in committee with Senator Wagner on the latter's unemployment bill, and Miss Perkins, New York labor commissioner, appointed by Governor Roosevelt, was proving that women have clear minds, and can make facts plain. Senator Copeland of New York and other wise ones were there, Miss Katherine Dayton, with one possible exception the most brilliant young woman writer in the country, was taking notes on human nature.

At the bottom of a newspaper page, ten lines tell you that Forest Mallick, one of the courageous air mail pilots, was found dead today strapped to his plane.

Seated in an open cockpit, he might have saved himself by parachute but preferred to stick to his ship and the mail entrusted to his ship, and the mail entrusted to him. A few lines and the world bears no more of him.

But if war should come, he and other pilots as brave, would be this country's chief reliance.

Another, different, story of death comes from Niagara. Hundreds of wild swans, lighting on the river above the falls, to rest, were trapped in the swift current, which would not let them rise, many killed.

How many tragedies that starstruck has seen: Indians in their canoes, struggling against the current; white men and women, seeking death, and often changing their minds, shrieking for help, too late. And how the giant power that roared so long, in solitude, is harnessed and meekly earning dividends for the wise.

Third and last death story is that of a fierce water buffalo that had long lorded it over all the inhabitants of a swamp on northern Luzon Island, in the Philippine Islands. Little did the buffalo dream that death was approaching in the form of a slender, relentless governor general named Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

There stood the buffalo, pawing savagely. Governor Roosevelt let one piercing eye run along the rifle barrel, over the sight, straight between the buffalo's eyes. One shot, and the buffalo bit the dust, or whatever the floor of the swamp may have been.

"Single Shot Teddy," his friends call him now. The shot was fired at 180 yards.

"Single Speech" Hamilton has long been famous, not only for the speech but the subsequent "security." Some think that Samuel Johnson wrote that speech for him.

"Single Shot Teddy" will live to do many more remarkable things. He might even run for vice-president next fall.

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one to know our birds and to observe them accurately. If I might be of assistance in identifying the birds in question I would be happy to do so. WALTER H. JONES, Medford, March 31.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY April 1, 1922. (It was Saturday) Fear armed uprising in Ireland. Develop trade with Klamath county, via Truck Chamber of Commerce plan. Auto camp filled with tourists who have wintered in the south. Trigonon well to resume drilling when weather clears. Shall Medford have a ball team, backed by merchants, to be settled soon. County court to assist family who lost everything in fire that destroyed home. Fish biting in the Rogue, but water too muddy. Twenty years ago today April 1, 1912. (It was Monday) March an ideal month with plenty of rain and \$1,000,000 fruit crop predicted for valley. Editorial urges citizens "to wake up and register." The Okada Tennis club elects Earl S. Tully president. Rush of people to pay taxes. Congress votes \$350,000 for relief of Mississippi flood sufferers. Movement to build railroad to Blue Ledge launched.

APPLEGATE, Ore., April 1.—(Special)—Rollit, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crump, who has been very ill for the past week with intestinal flu, is much improved. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. West and family entertained a number of friends with an Easter dinner Sunday. From Medford were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chadwick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy West and family, Archie West and Miss Mildred McIntire. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Taylor and C. U. Thomas made a business trip to Butte Falls Wednesday. Clayton Smith and Ernest Armstrong returned home near Ruch Friday after several weeks in California. Miss Frances Welser of Medford called on Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kleinhammer Wednesday to visit Mrs. Doris Worthington of San Francisco, who is spending some time here. Mr. and Mrs. Al Dunford and family of Medford moved to the Little Applegate last week to make their home with Walter Zeidler. While playing ball with the school children, Miss Ethel Houston, teacher of the Little Applegate school, suffered a badly sprained foot Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Medley of Medford were Sunday guests of Mrs. Medley's mother, Mrs. Mary Pursel, on Yale creek. Rudy Zimmerman of Medford is spending several days this week with Walter Zeidler. Mrs. Jim West, who underwent an operation at the Community hospital, returned home on Little Applegate Thursday. Several of the Applegate schools had an Easter egg hunt Friday. Little Applegate school children sang a number of songs for the few visitors that day. Mrs. A. S. Kleinhammer, son, Claus, and daughter, Mrs. Mariam Worthington, spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. Clyde Young and family at Ashland. Mrs. H. P. Sellers of Elk creek is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Hughes, who is recovering from the flu.

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