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A Gigantic Fraud

THE fact that J. P. Morgan for two years paid no income tax, caused a great sensation; but as far as we have observed, the most significant factor in that admission has been overlooked.

Failure to pay an income tax has been attributed solely to the capital-loss offset, and congress is now working to eliminate that offset. This is a move in the right direction.

But how about tax exempt securities? It is a well known fact that practically all very wealthy men, have tremendous investments in municipal and state bonds which are tax exempt. With no capital losses it would be quite possible for a man with an income of huge proportions, to escape the federal income tax entirely.

Why doesn't the senate committee find out the Morgan holdings in such securities? And determine the holdings of other multi-millionaires. The total sum would no doubt be startling.

OBVIOUSLY such a situation is all wrong. The 16th amendment to the constitution, gives congress the power to tax "incomes from whatever sources derived."

That seems perfectly clear to the present writer. Incomes from state and municipal bonds certainly come under this classification. Why then are they exempted?

The answer usually is because of a decision of the supreme court. But according to our information the supreme court has never ruled on the amendment but only on the enabling act, passed by the congress. And we are told that if this act were changed to contain the above provision from the constitution, the exemption of any income-bearing securities, would be ruled out.

WHETHER or not this is true, the effort would be worth the trial. And if such tax exemption should be sustained, another constitutional amendment could be passed to reverse it. This much is certain. Allowing investors to escape the income tax, by putting their money into interest-bearing, but tax-exempt securities, is nothing less than a gigantic fraud, and every consideration of justice and fair play, demands that this special privilege be denied.

How It Hurts!

THE big boys in big business are beginning to see that the new deal really means a NEW deal. This fact is being forced upon them, by being hit where it hurts—in the pocket book.

Congress is determined to sanction no financial assistance to the large corporations, which continue to pay exorbitant salaries to their high executives.

As most of the large corporations, particularly the railroads and insurance companies, want assistance, this regulation is beginning to open the big boys' eyes.

The insurance companies have been particularly prodigal in this regard. While other corporations have been slashing overhead and reducing salaries right and left, the big insurance companies have been increasing both.

In the past three years for example, T. L. Parkinson of the Equitable Life has had his salary raised from \$75,000 a year to \$100,000; D. F. Huston of Mutual Life from \$100,000 to \$125,000; T. A. Buckner of the New York Life the same; while F. H. Ecker of the Metropolitan Life has had his annual stipend raised from \$175,000 in 1929, to \$200,000 in 1931!

THERE is now a movement on in the Lower House to reduce maximum salaries in corporations seeking federal financial aid to \$17,500 a year.

Small wonder there is a howl from the high priced executives which can be heard from Wall Street to the Bronx. Imagine being dropped from \$200,000 to \$17,500 a year!

But while this radical reduction may not be achieved, there is no doubt that the day of exorbitant salaries in large public service corporations is over.

And such reductions are sound. A company that can't finance itself, and demands aid from the tax payers of the country, has no right to be increasing salaries and overhead, which is a burden, that the same taxpayers, as patrons of these large corporations, must pay.

Facilitating Pear Exports

A BILL was recently passed in the House of Representatives which should interest local fruit growers.

The measure is designed to facilitate the export of apples and pears to foreign countries, by standardizing the pack.

Under the provisions of this bill, all export shipments will be inspected by the Department of Agriculture, and require a certificate showing that the shipment not only meets established U. S. grades, but the requirements of the country to which it is shipped.

At the coming economic congress in London, an effort will be made to reach an agreement with foreign nations, particularly England and France, that an OK by this country will be accepted by the country to which the shipment is made—thus eliminating any red tape, or subsequent inspections on the other side.

In other words a shipment of pears and apples, that passes U. S. inspection will be accepted, as a matter of course, at its destination.

A vigorous effort will also be made at this conference to lower the tariffs and restrictions against American fruit, by the various countries of Europe, particularly England and its dominions.

So the deliberations of the London conference promise to have a genuine and very practical interest to the pear growers of this community.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH ELDERS ARE CHOSEN

SALEM, June 2.—(AP)—Four pastor-superintendents were elected to superintend presiding elders at the Oregon conference of the Evangelical church which opened here yesterday and will continue until Sunday.

Those elected were Rev. C. P. Gates, Rev. G. L. Lovell and Rev. E. C. Kretlow, all of Portland, and Rev. Carl Heimlicher of Seattle. Districts in which they will serve will be determined later, it was announced.

Behind the upholstery of the padded cell in the liner Theophile Gaullier when it arrived recently at Marcellas, France, from Istanbul, Turkey, were found 300 pounds of opium which were being smuggled.

Employment in Italy is increasing.

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.

DOES BEER MAKE YOU FAT?

A glass of 3.2% beer (one-half pint) yields approximately 120 calories if we assume all the alcohol is oxidized and utilized as fuel. An equal quantity of milk yields approximately 160 calories, and the utilization of all the nutritive or fuel material in milk is unquestioned.

A person who takes a pint of milk, or even a glass of milk daily in addition to his or her regular meals—say as a bedtime snack or a mid-afternoon lunch, may expect to gain nearly two pounds monthly. If the same person takes a pint of beer or even a glass of beer daily in addition to regular meals, he or she may expect to gain a pound a month.

A dietitian who made analyses back in 1915 gave these figures for milk and beer:

Milk	Beer
Carbohydrate (sugar).....	4.25% 5%
Protein (nitrogenous material).....	3.25% 0.5%
Mineral matter.....	0.70% 0.20%
Alcohol.....	none 3.75%
Water.....	4.05% none
	87.50% 90%

In a glass (8 ounces) of beer of 3.2% alcoholic strength there is approximately one-fourth of an ounce of alcohol. This quantity of alcohol, if oxidized in the body, yields 68 calories. In the same quantity of milk there is approximately one-third of an ounce of fat, and this yields more than 90 calories. Weight for weight fat contains more heat or energy units, is a better fuel, than alcohol. A gram of alcohol yields 7.2 calories; a gram of fat yields 9.4 calories.

Perhaps individuals vary in their capacity to oxidize and use as energy or fuel the alcohol in beer or other alcoholic beverages. I don't know, but I believe a pint of beer a day is as much as any ordinary person can consume without exceeding his capacity to use the alcohol as food, for energy or for heat. One thing is certain scientifically as it is obvious to common sense—when anyone takes enough alcohol to give an alcoholic odor on the breath he has taken more than he can profitably utilize. As soon as the limit of the individual's capacity to metabolize the alcohol is exceeded, the individual is intoxicated. Remember, we are speaking in scientific terms, and not in the popular parlance.

Intoxication with alcohol, in a drink or two of beer, wine or liquor, invariably retards the reaction time. It makes the intoxicated individual, say, two-fifths of a second slower in his reaction to any stimulus, warning or signal. This fact explains a great many accidents which might be avoided by prompt reaction to the warning or signal of danger.

Bedding is the best time to have your bottle of beer if you like beer better than milk, and rye bread and cheese or pretzels or a sandwich go very well with the beer, they tell me.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY
 By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, June 2.—Thoughts while strolling: Anytime I stand near a puddle a motorist splashes me.

But an artist must be receptive to all manifestations of life. Heigh ho! I don't wish mix Douglas 20 and Carl Randall, and Joseph Morshauer and Henry Morganthau.

H. H. McClure's reserved smile. Whatever became of Mavis Gish-riek? Nobody can look as knifey as Eugene O'Neill. That block-long Browning real estate sign on the loose again. Beauty parlors killed off the tattle magazines. Harry Acton, a Youngtown, N. Y. boy, who made good in the city.

The grizzled gentry sunning in the little squares set spinner-like in the hubbub. I never pass a warning rod without wanting to climb myself. One of my favorite people—Justine Hall, Simeon Strunsky who writes the "topics" on Time's editorial page. Bide Dudley in vaudeville.

Milton Aborn, the Gilbert and Sullivan impresario, wears a square-crowned derby, too. George Ade and H. T. Webster are pitching horse shoes daily, down in Florida. Just as wild as a couple of pigeons! Probably puffing cu-bubbles on the sky. A man looks about furtively before drinking a glass of beer—the nudge of custom.

One word description of Stanley Walker—crunchy. Nothing so comfortable-looking as the way a sleeping cat tucks paws under itself. Snooty speakes such as the long-unrained "21" are now getting folkay. And I have a profound hunch, they are on their way out. The world changes again!

Manhattan's newest, brightest and most amiable man-about-town is Delois Chappell, a Denver blade who made his metropolitan debut last fall as producer of Lillian Gish's "Camille." He frequents the more serene bright spots with Mrs. Gish or George Buchanan Fife, the last and most beloved of the Park Row dandies of a glamorous newspapering unhappily dead. Another young recruit from the ranks of the haute noblesse is Tom Hamilton, wealthy and handsome Pittsburgher. A Juve-

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nie, he speaks of his first failure as "a grand Thursday night run."

Richard Watts, film reviewer, takes no one to a movie or theater opening save his mother. He has also never been seen in a dinner jacket, while she is invariably in smart evening frock and fluttering with shoulder ornaments. To lighten the contrast young Watts features collars of Prussian blue. He came out of West Virginia's aristocratic old capital, Charleston, to New York, and his devotion to his parent is a sharp relief in Broadway's pattern of neglect.

The Strollers, an organization of amateur players which recently disbanded, was one of best examples of one-man clubs. Robert Cornell Sando, who passed on last year, was its genius and embodiment and when he departed the club's dissolution was immediate. The Coffee House is also a one-man organization, being almost entirely composed of friends and acquaintances of the deceased celebrated bon-vivant, Frank Crowninshield. And how many notable his resemblance to Count Boni?

Lillian Gish, by the way, provided a melancholy evening in "No. 9 Pine Street," a study of frozen New England conscience. It was a dramatization of the famous axe murders of the Borden family. Miss Gish did fairly well by a poor piece. And made a stage door John of the silk-hatted George Jean Nathan on her opening night.

There is no—and likely never will be—another private office flowering into the Babylonian magnificence of that occupied by Romy at Radio City. Two floors high, hung entirely with sweeps of black with silver lighting fixtures and a carpet so thick it suggests snowshoes, it cascades a bewildering splendor for the visitor. The private dining room, gushed in artificial sunshine, will accommodate 25 in a pinch, and is usually filled at luncheon.

For some time I've been tearing around belowing about the realism of the train noises in the play "20th Century." At breakfast today, after lathering into another enthusiasm, I was told coldly that it was all done by a gramophone back stage—a recording of the actual noises of the express thundering into Grand Central. My enthusiasm departed into a meek "Oh!" Just about the time I recover from one paragonic blunder I have to go into hiding again. See you Christmas!

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up in an auto. They got out, took a look at the animal. The one look was enough—it started up and jogged along its route the rest of the day uneventfully.

"The Awful Harveo of the Ohio Flood" shown at the Star; Beautiful Marion Leonard in "Love's Toll" at the Isis; and "Seven Years Bad Luck" with John Bunny at the Ugo.

Central Point farmer trampled by a bull, but escapes serious injury through the arrival of wife with a pitchfork.

H. R. Albee is elected mayor of Portland, by votes of women.

Ye Poet's Corner

Graduates Lament
 Each hour I would recall again,
 A wish to be dirty and clayey,
 And be with the girls among the men,
 To etiquette and be easy.
 To learn the lessons I defied,
 Oh! now I would returning.

To lazy much and be satisfied,
 For knowledge I am yearning.
 To get the lessons old and new,
 The text it is I'm craving—
 With Whitebang on page 22,
 While teachers do their raving,
 And in the old mathematics class,
 I'd get the grades explaining,
 Dumb kids, like me, from there to
 past,
 Quit school and all pertaining!

Heartless is the soul of one,
 Paid money just to pater,
 But still, wish I was there for fun,
 If they started hours later,
 And still the lovely ugly dames,
 I'd like to help each minute—
 In dancing, rather than English pains,
 And study—but not begin it.
 —By Arthur H. Peterson.

BIRTHS

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