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A DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT

WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS the entire population of the country feels the weight of a staggering tax load, and in its twisting and writhing toward relief resorts to such vain delusions as the proposed state income tax law in Oregon.

Those who have the least always carry the heaviest proportionate load of taxation. They lend a willing ear to the politicians who promises to lift a portion of the load from their shoulders and place it upon the rich men.

Unfortunately the experiment has been tried too often to admit longer that it is more than a delusive theory.

In the last few years we have all observed the operation of the federal income tax law. Up to a certain limit it works very successfully. Beyond that limit the law is self-destructive, for the wealthy men who found themselves burdened with an excessive income tax refused to invest in productive enterprises, subject to still further taxes, and diverted their incomes into tax-exempt securities and other non-taxable investments.

What happened in the nation under the federal income tax law, will happen in Oregon under a state income tax. Needing working capital more today than at any time in its history, this state cannot afford to pass a law that will dry up the already too-scanty stream of capital.

The plea that the state income tax will relieve the farmer sounds well, but is it true?

We still have the example before us of the federal farm loan. Here were a hundred million dollars worth of tax-exempt securities, issued by the federal government to supply the farmer with cheaper loans. But the exemption on the hundred million had to be met from other sources. Among the sources were the manufacturers of farm machinery, boots and shoes, clothing and all the articles the farmer buys. These manufacturers, in fixing the prices of their commodities, necessarily included the amount they must pay for taxes. Directly the farmer saved interest money, but indirectly the increased prices he was forced to pay ate up the saving.

Artificial tampering with the law of supply and demand will not work. It is a natural law, as fixed and certain in its operation as the law of gravity. An income tax is only another form of governmental price-fixing, and will work temporarily, but only long enough for the law of supply and demand to get into operation—in other words, only so long as it takes men of large business affairs to adjust themselves to its provisions. When they have adjusted themselves, their burden is lighter, in proportion to their income, and the proportion of the consumer, which includes the farmer, the laborer, the small tradesmen, is back at the same proportionate higher level.

An income tax is a tax of expediency only. It can never be a solution for the taxation problem. It is easy to place an experimental tax law on the books, but once there it is a veritable Old Man of the Sea.

Let not the farmer and the laboring man deceive themselves. The real effect of an Oregon income tax would be to raise their taxes, and to lower the tax on such natural resources as lumber lands and lumber industries. The big business can spread the tax and absorb it in commodity increases. The little fellow cannot.

There's time enough for the U. S. to think of cancelling those European debts when her European creditors show some disposition to think of cancelling war.

We're not mentioning names, but we actually found a Klamath man the other day who thinks a good wife is the one who will wash the flier and sweep out the garage.

In the old days father wanted son to become president. Nowadays he encourages him to learn brick-laying because it pays better.

IT ISN'T WHAT YOU SAVE, IT'S WHAT YOU KEEP



CORNER STONE OF MASONIC TEMPLE IS LAID TODAY

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servation level with structure a little smaller in size from which visitors will be able to view the country from the capital building at Washington to the Washington home at Mount Vernon. Stately colonnades on all four sides of each of these three levels forming the tower-like structure will add to the beauty of the memorial. The architects are Helme & Corbett, New York, with S. Eugene Osmond, Detroit, as consulting architect. Olmstead Brothers, Brookline, Mass., are the landscape architects with Carl Rust Parker in association.

Masonic Center. The memorial is to be the center and rallying point for Masons of the United States and of other countries in addition to being the repository for the many valuable relics of George Washington which have been preserved by the Alexandria-Washington lodge. One of the most prized possessions of the lodge is the famous Williams portrait of General Washington in Masonic regalia. Another is the clock which was in Washington's bed chamber on the night of his death.

The memorial building in which the Washington relics will be preserved hereafter is the outgrowth of necessity and was no single individual's idea. Many members of the Masonic order in the earlier days were privileged to see the articles so closely associated with Washington in possession of the Alexandria-Washington lodge, but it was not until 1907 that the public generally was permitted to do so. Since then the number of visitors has increased yearly, gradually growing from 600 to 15,000. As the number of visitors increased, the demand for a proof structure in which the Washington heirlooms should be placed became more insistent, until finally the proposed repository was decided upon.

Shoeters Hill, the site of the memorial was selected as it commands a view of the City of Washington, of Mount Vernon, of Alexandria and of all the country most frequented by George Washington.

Entered Order in 1753. Laying of the cornerstone of the Memorial marks the close of 170 years since George Washington became a Mason. He entered the order November 4, 1753. The Alexandria Blue lodge, which was privileged to add Washington's name to the name of the city so that it today is known as Alexandria-Washington lodge, No. 22, held the first regular communication of the first Masonic lodge in Alexandria on February 25, 1753. It was instituted by the Provincial Grand lodge of Pennsylvania, and was known as No. 39 of that jurisdiction. General Washington was elected an honorary member shortly after his return from the Revolutionary war, and his fondness for the old institution is evidenced by a letter written to the lodge and still in its possession. After the surrender of the Pennsylvania warrant, application for a new charter was made to the grand lodge of Virginia and

General Washington became first and charter master of Alexandria lodge, No. 22. He subsequently was elected to succeed himself and served in all about 20 months.

GERMANS STAND AS BAND PLAYS FRENCH ANTHEM

ZURICH, Switzerland, Nov. 1.—There was a tense moment during the recent congress in this city of the International Cycling Union—when German and Austrian delegates met the French representatives—but it came out all right, for the Germans arose and stood at attention while a band played the "Marseillaise," the national anthem of France.

It was the first cycling congress since the war, and envoys of all three countries sat down around the same table to discuss the sport from an international standpoint. It devolved upon J. Breton, chief delegate for France, to make the closing address. It is the custom, at these gatherings, for the band to strike up the national anthem of the speaker's country as soon as he concludes.

While Breton was speaking the predominant thought was, what will the Germans do when the band plays "Allons enfants de la patrie"? What they did was to stand up, as did everyone else, and remain stiffly at attention until the music stopped. Everybody was greatly relieved.

"Sports are destined to bring the nations of Europe together on friendly terms quicker than the exchange of sugar-coated acid notes," Breton said late in the day, pointing to Walter Rutt, the veteran cyclist from Germany, chatting in an amiable manner with Gabriel Poulain, the forty-year-old champion of France.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENT

BRUSSELS, Nov. 1.—The engagement of Prince Humbert of Piedmont, heir to the throne of Italy, to Princess Marie Jose of Belgium, which is to be officially announced November 4, is the culmination of a

love match of long standing.

In 1916, Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, desirous of placing the little princess—she was then 12 years old—outside the range of airplane raids and big guns continuously shelling La Panne, where the Belgian royal family had their modest war home, took her daughter to Florence, when under private teachers she studied English and Italian.

Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by the princess, spent the 1917 vacation at Venice. There, under the constant menace of Austrian airplane raids and German-Austro offensives, the prince, a youth in a sailor's costume, and the princess, wearing a plain white dress, met for the first time.

It was love at first sight. When Prince Humbert visited Belgium last year there were many who noted that although the tour was supposed to be officially conducted, the heir to the throne of Italy preferred the company of the princess, now a beautiful young woman, to receptions and listening to addresses by burgo-masters.

The engagement has been very popularly received here.

1922 WHEAT CROP IN CANADA RECORD

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Nov. 1.—The total wheat crop of the Canadian province of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is estimated by government officials at 425,502,169 bushels, an increase of 50,000 bushels over the record 1922 yield.

The three provinces now produce approximately 95 per cent of all wheat grown in the dominion, officials said. Forty-five and 50 bushel yields were reported in a number of areas while in others the run was 60 bushels to the acre. The wheat weighed between 63 and 67 pounds to the bushel and more than 90 per cent of 1; graded No. 1 hard.

The oats yield in the prairies was placed at 37,025,233 bushels. Other grain crops were estimated as follows: Barley, 61,640,140 bushels; rye, 24,376,560 bushels, and flax 7,193,026 pounds.

Kodak finishing at Stinson's 31f

The Office Cat



Curses. I answered the phone at daybreak. And thought I would surely freeze. Till a voice made me hot all over, by saying, "Excuse me, please."

W. O. Smith says a little woman is as capable as a big man when it comes to "raising cane."

If a married man wishes to start a controversy with his wife, let him express the opinion that some other woman is good looking.

Why judge a man by the king of a house he lives in, asks F. H. Arrandock. Why not judge the house by the kind of man who lives in it?

The chief complaint Mrs. H. A. Junk of Topeka, Kan., has to make against the newspapers, according to a short interview in the capital is that they too often spell her name Junk.

Smiles shorten miles. Fable—Once upon a time a poor man married a rich girl and the public in judging his motives, gave him the benefit of the doubt.

The prize for fastidiousness goes to the man who buys cigars to match the color of his mustache.

If you would make a peevish girl Of one that really ain't, Just casually remark some night, "I think I smell fresh paint."

That Ford boom may be only a blow-out, says H. E. Hauger.

O Fudge! Frankfort (Ind.) Crescent.

The marriage of Miss Della Stamper, daughter of Mrs. Tuston Stamper, and Oscar Fudge, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fudge, was quietly solemnized this morning at the U. B. church parsonage at 11 o'clock.

Remember always, "More Wait! less speed."

Why Editors Drink the Ink. Williamsville (N. D.) Item.

We wish to apologize to Mrs. Orville Overholt. In our paper last week, we had as a heading, "Mrs. Overholt has big feet." The word we should have used is a French word, pronounced the same way, but spelled fete. It means a celebration, and is considered a very tony word.

The Eskimos give the doctor his fee as soon as he comes. If the pa-

tient recovers, he keeps it, otherwise he returns it.

Timid old lady—"Officer, could you see me across the street?" Now policeman—"Sure, I've got as good eyesight as any man on the force."

The driver you try to pass is a road hog and the driver who tries to pass you is another fast speeder.

We insist there are hundreds of hard working men. But no man works as hard as he claims he does.

What has become of the o. f. farmer who succeeded in getting his hired man to work at 5 o'clock in the morning, asks Clyde Bradley.

An exchange broadens to the world that its two banks are safe and sound, because the president of each institution wears both suspenders and belt.

Newsmen Astonished At Waste Of Bread

DANZIG, Nov. 1.—A group of German newspapermen recently visited the United States cruiser Pittsburgh in this harbor, and joined in saying the most astonishing thing they saw was the tossing overboard of a quantity of white bread left from the noonday meal of the crew. "It was the first white bread most of us had seen in years," one reporter declared.

None of the visitors wrote much about the cruiser's armament. It was the kitchen, the food and ways of serving meals that held their attention.

PURSE "PRAYING BANDIT"

PUEBLA, Mexico, Nov. 1.—Best known for his unfeeling custom of dropping to his knees daily when the Angelus sounds and praying for the souls of 20 persons he has killed, Feliciano Machorro, 19-year-old outlaw, is being pursued through the mountains by a special squad of police agents detailed to the chase. In two days Machorro is credited with having murdered four persons and escaping with many thousands of pesos.

At The Theatres

AT THE PINE TREE

Two men are desperately in love with Norma Talmadge as Mary Turner, the heroine, in her gripping first National presentation of "Within the Law," showing at the Pine Tree theater today and Friday.

One is a forger and the other a rich man's son. The forger proves his love for Mary when he confesses a murder of which she has been accused. Mary marries the wealthy young man as a means of wreaking vengeance against his father for a wrong the latter had done her. But she loves her "victimized" husband, and this is what adds zest and complication to the plot.

Low Cody plays the role of Joe Garson, the forger, while Jack Mulhall is seen opposite Miss Talmadge as Dick Gilder, the husband.

Kodak finishing at Stinson's 31f

Today and Friday

Norma Talmadge

Within the Law

Come! Laugh, Cry and Thrill over The Big Scenes

The Magnificent Cast Includes

JACK MULHALL LEW CODY
EILEEN PERCY HELEN FERGUSON

MOVIE CHATS

BUSTER KEATON COMEDY

TODAY AT THE LIBERTY

Victor Hugo's immortal masterpiece

"TOILERS OF THE SEA"

A magnificent story made into a most interesting picture

TOMORROW

WILLIAM RUSSEL—in

"THE GREAT NIGHT"

COMING SUNDAY

"WHERE THE NORTH BEGINS"