

# FISCAL REFORMS PRODUCE RESULTS

### Treasury Department Example of Economical Administration.

### EVEN DEMOCRATS APPROVE.

Under Taft Reorganization Accomplished, Frauds Stopped and Law Violators Punished—Divorced From Wall Street.

The treasury department has recently received the commendation of the Democratic appropriation committee of the house of representatives for the results achieved in bringing about economy and efficiency in that department. The general basis of this unusual praise is the fact that it is costing \$2,500,000 a year less to run this big business machine of the government than it did three years ago when President Taft began his administration and initiated his campaign for governmental economy by placing an experienced business man, Secretary MacVeagh, at the head of the treasury department.

**The Economy Effected.**  
The amount now saved each year is a 10 per cent reduction in the previous cost. It tells but half the story of the actual economy effected, for there has been a 10 per cent increase in the business of the department during this time, making a total gain in the interest of the taxpayer of 20 per cent.

The eagerness that now exists to make political capital out of criticism makes the fact eminently striking that through this period of investigation and inquiry the treasury department has been found a fruitless field of operation. It has not even been mentioned in connection with the alleged "money trust," for the reason that the treasury department is now for the first time wholly independent of the big bankers of the country in its operations. That the department should always be above the slightest ground for moral criticism is of course one of the fundamentals of its administration.

**Frauds Are Punished.**  
The vigor with which the administration has gone after those who have attempted frauds on the customs revenue is illustrated by the fact that more than \$5,000,000 has been collected in fines against dishonest importers and attempted smugglers. Jail sentences in numerous instances have been added to the fines. The result has been the creation of a wholesome respect for the law on the part of importers and Americans who travel in foreign lands. The entire machinery for the collection of customs has been overhauled, with the result that valuations are made more accurately, and many channels for frauds have been stopped. One of the special aids in this connection has been the special agents' service, which the secretary has taken personally in hand.

The other collection agency, the internal revenue service, has been brought to a high degree of efficiency. Its collections last year were the highest in its history—\$322,000,000—which was collected at the expense of 168,100 cents for each dollar, a substantial decrease in cost. Internal revenue collectors are now giving the major portion of their time to their official duties, an innovation brought about for the first time through the insistence of the president that efficiency of administration was more to be desired than the developing of political machines.

**Where Savings Resulted.**  
Savings in the method of printing the paper money of the country have been made to the extent of \$600,000 annually, while similar work in the mints has resulted in cutting down the expenses annually to the extent of \$483,000. By using the mails instead of the express a saving of \$60,000 a year is effected in sending warrant notes to the treasury for redemption. Nearly \$50,000 a year is being saved through improved methods in handling the paper on which money and postage and internal revenue stamps is printed. A similar amount is being saved through closer scrutiny and economy in printing the stationery for the department. The revenue cutter service adds to the list a saving of \$100,000 a year with increased activities, so also does the public health service. There are many more details of savings, all telling the same story.

**Genuine Reforms Made.**  
And this story is the strongest kind of a denial of the charge that President Taft has used the government employee to further his own political advantage. There have been 1,801 unnecessary places abolished under the treasury department in the last three years. Five hundred and forty-two of these have been in the department service in Washington. None of those in Washington whose places were abolished have been separated from the service by that fact. Secretary MacVeagh has rigidly adhered to the policy of saving the vacancies which occurred in the department by resignation and death, and those places have been filled by those who would otherwise have been dropped.

The facts above set forth are convincing proof that under the administration of President Taft genuine reforms in administration have been accomplished in bringing the government business to the most practical and economical basis in the interest of the whole people.

## ARCTIC INDIAN LIFE.

A Heroic Mother and Her Reward When Her Son Was Grown.

In "The Arctic Prairies," by Ernest Thompson Seton, a gruesome picture of Indian life is given in the following incident:

"One winter, forty or fifty years ago, a band of Algonquin Indians at Waysimika all starved to death except one squaw and her baby. She fled from the camp, carrying the child, thinking to find friends and help at Nipigon House. She got as far as a small lake near Deer lake and there discovered a cache, probably in a tree. This contained one small bone fishhook. She rigged up a line, but had no bait.

"The wailing of the baby spurred her to action. No bait, but she had a knife. A strip of flesh was quickly cut from her own leg, a hole made through the ice, and a fine jackfish was the food that was sent to this devoted mother. She divided it with the child, saving only enough for bait. She stayed there living on fish until spring, then safely rejoined her people.

"The boy grew up to be a strong man, but was cruel to his mother, leaving her finally to die of starvation. Anderson knew the woman. She showed him the scar where she cut the bait."

## ODD OLD CHOCTAW LAWS.

One Made the Selling of Their Land a Capital Crime.

In an old set of laws of the Choctaw Nation there is a clause which relates to the killing of witches. For witchcraft the penalty was death, and for alleging oneself to be a witch or for saying that any other person was one was punishable by sixty lashes on the bare back.

Another declared that no doctor could take money or any of the belongings of a patient he treated if the patient died. If the patient were raised up from a sickbed the doctor could accept what was offered to him, and if nothing was offered then he could take in goods what was his just compensation.

In 1834 the Choctaw council passed an act which made a person who bargained to sell any of the Choctaw land a traitor and punishable by death. Any white man who encouraged such action was deported. An Indian who sold or disposed of land either to individuals or to the United States in toto should be considered a traitor and shot on conviction. This was just preceding the beginning of the work of the Daves commission.

**Instinctive Mimicry.**  
Why if one man on the street takes out his watch do others do the same? Among the very early instincts recognized in the human mind are mimicry and curiosity. Mimicry develops into habit, as when we see many persons walking faster than we do we gradually fall into their gait and in time this faster gait becomes habitual with us. Every instinct emanates from one or the other of the fundamental instincts, self preservation and race preservation. Every action that benefits the human being can be traced back to the instinct of self preservation, and among these actions are the acquisition of knowledge, even the knowledge of the time of day.

Instinctive mimicry creates an impulse which in the case of the man looking at his watch upon seeing another do the same, is supported by another instinct, curiosity, and by the human faculty, reason. We therefore follow the impulse and look at our watch.—New York American.

**Moroccan Toilet Accessories.**  
The native ladies of Morocco are very particular about the preservation of their complexions. They wash their faces in rosewater in which apricot kernels baked and powdered are introduced as an aid to preserve the natural tint of the complexion. Some ladies employ a wash which contains red radish scrapings powdered. They have also a peculiar method of removing superfluous hairs. A paste is made of lemon juice and sugar. This is applied and allowed to dry and then removed, taking, it is said, the hair with it. A hair preparation seems no less strange to Europeans. It is composed of aloe leaves, henna and reed grass. This is applied to the head, and when dry it is washed off with soap.

**As to Clocks.**  
"What an elegant timepiece that is," said the old time friend.  
"Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox; "that's about as elegant a clock as money will buy."  
"You were once content with a much simpler affair."  
"Of course. Nobody wants to waste more than a dollar on a clock that wakes him up and tells him when to go to work. But when it wakes him up and reminds him that he doesn't have to go to work he feels more friendly and liberal."—Washington Star.

**A Woman's Reason.**  
"Why," asks the inquisitive person, "do you enjoy having some one tell you that you are pretty when you know you are not? Does it make you believe that you are?"  
"No," she answers readily. "But it makes me believe that he believes I am."—Judge's Library.

**Escaped.**  
Gillet—So you've just come from Henpecked's funeral. How did the old boy look? Natural?  
Perry—No; relieved.—New York Times.

Keep your promises, especially to those who cannot enforce them.

## RUNNING AMOK.

A Mania For Murder That is Peculiar to Oriental Countries.

The expression "run amok" is the Anglicized form of a term used in some parts of the orient to describe a form of homicidal mania, accompanied by a frenzied plunge in any and every direction. In the countries where the mania originated the word applied to it was "amok." The corrupted form of it is now applied in a score of ways—without much warrant.

In Malacca, Siam, Java and adjacent regions the mental state which causes amok is well defined and much dreaded. It is attributed almost invariably to excessive drinking of stimulants. The victim first turns morose, generally remaining in this state for several days. Then he is suddenly seized with the mania for slaughter and starts on his mad run with the first weapon he can reach.

Extra precautions against these mad ravages are taken in some of the more civilized places, especially Batavia. There the police are armed with what is called a catch fork. The instant the victim of amok starts on his mad dash he finds himself hooked by a minion of the law and held firmly the length of this odd human spear. He can harm himself, but that is the limit of his sane power.—Exchange.

## AN ERRATIC VOLCANO.

Rose From the Sea, Formed an Island and Sank Again.

On June 16, 1810, the Sabrina, a British sloop of war, observed smoke arising from the sea near St. Michael, off the Azores, and made for it, believing that a naval engagement was in progress. Her crew found, however, that great tongues of flame were issuing along with the smoke and that they had cleared for action to fight a volcano.

Forty-eight hours later an island made its appearance, having risen from a depth of forty fathoms in that period, and in another day it was fifty-one feet above the surface, with a length of about three-quarters of a mile. By July 4 the Sabrina's people were able to land on this new shore, which was then 300 feet high, with a circumference of fully a mile, with a stream six yards wide running from the center to the sea.

They took formal possession of it for his Britannic majesty, hoisting the union jack on its most conspicuous point, but by degrees the island sank until about the middle of October it vanished below the surface, with the union jack still on it, like a battleship sinking with colors flying after a fatal engagement.—London Standard.

**A Letter of Importance.**

The letter P is the most important in the alphabet because it leads all others in perfection. It is likewise first in peace and prosperity and gives to pleasure its proper form. It is found in every enterprise and aspiration, and without its valuable offices our staunch anchor of hope would be but a commonplace hoe. In importance it is decidedly the dominating letter. It has no place in history, but is foremost in philosophy and gives power to the pen. While always first in provocation, it likewise leads in pardon and possesses great power in persuasion. It is rich in the emotions and virtues. Patriotism, passion, patience, pity and poetry acknowledge it as their very own. No point or picture or port was ever made without it. It leads all others in power, permanency and preciousness. Purpose has no meaning without it, and pyramids are built upon its base.—Galaxy.

**Staining Glass.**

The art of coloring glass has been lost and refound, guarded and stolen so many times during the history of civilization that it seems almost impossible to say anything new on glass staining. Yet a modern process for making the stained glass used in windows is a departure from anything known to the old timers. The glass first receives its design in mineral colors, and the whole is then fired in a heat so intense that the coloring matter and the glass are indissolubly fused. The most attractive feature of this method is that the surface acquires a peculiar pebbled character in the heat, so that when the glass is in place the lights are beautifully soft and mellow.—New York Herald.

**Drew the Line.**  
"Madam," began the man respectfully, "I am very hungry. Could you give me a bit of something?"  
"I will call the dog," the woman replied.

"I am hungry enough to eat the dog," the man said, "but I'd rather have something else."  
"And woman-like, she went inside and banged the door.—Buffalo Express.

**Men.**  
What a piece of work is a man—how noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, in form and movement how express and admirable, in action how like an angel, in apprehension how like a god, the beauty of the world, the paragon of animals!—Shakespeare.

**The Difference.**  
Miss Gushington—Love is like a kitten. It is born blind. Mr. Blunt—Yes, but it only takes a kitten nine days to get its eyes opened.—Philadelphia Record.

**Will Grow.**  
Mabel—That story you told about Alice isn't worth repeating. Katie—It's young yet; give it time.—Boston Transcript.

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