

**Discuss Current Topics**

William B. Colver, member of the Federal Trade Commission, says the excess profit tax is the cornerstone of the structure of high prices. He says: "It was never proposed as a revenue measure and is not necessary as a revenue measure. It was proposed only as a corrective to Government price fixing. Even as a corrective it did not work. On the contrary it encouraged extravagance of operation and carelessness in business management. Now the government is no longer fixing prices and the only excuse which ever existed, if one did exist, for the excess profits tax has disappeared. In everything that you buy there are from one to fifty excess profits taxes. Each one who pays this tax adds it to his selling price and passes it on. The consumer finally pays the total bill."

Stephen Lauzanne, Editor of the Paris Matin, says: "In regard to the peace treaty 40,000,000 Frenchmen consider it a failure; so did 500 senators and deputies." He adds that there should be no misunderstanding in America about the French presidential election if it is made clear that the assemblymen voted not so much against Clemenceau as against the principle of personal government and the peace treaty. He says further "Even the followers of Clemenceau never attempted to defend the treaty, arguing that Clemenceau had been misled by President Wilson and Andre Tardieu, which historically is not true and which, moreover, is not complimentary to Clemenceau's acuteness. The opponents of Clemenceau answer that he was misled as president of the peace conference and inquire, where is there any guarantee that he would not be misled as President of the French Republic."

Representative Ramsayer, of Iowa: "Most of the money to be expended in the future will come directly from the pockets of the people and the people will hold every public official to the strictest economy. The people will cheerfully pay the interest and principal on the national debt incurred in winning the world war. They will gladly pay for any generous provisions and benefits to the soldiers, sailors and marines. They will not murmur because they are taxed to maintain any legitimate Government enterprise. But hereafter economy must be the watchword. Waste, extravagance, useless office and questionable ventures must be eliminated by the National Government. On the other hand, to meet the necessary annual expenditures of the Government and to pay off the national debt it will be necessary for the people as a whole to practice economy in their daily life, work harder and produce more. A nation in debt, as an individual in debt, can get out from under the debt only by working and saving."

"Mr. Wilson should not charge Mr. Lodge with responsibility for the treaty situation, for it is of his own making," says former President William H. Taft, in a letter just made public. He continues: "We may differ widely from Mr. Lodge as to the necessity or wisdom of the reservations he insisted upon and of those he voted for; but the colossal blunder was Mr. Wilson's in supposing that by a frontal attack he could reduce a plain majority against the treaty of a dozen or more into a majority of one third of the senate. He required them to keep up the farce of announcing each day that the treaty must pass without the crossing of a t or the dotting of an i, when everyone knew that this was impossible. Meanwhile the Democrats sat twirling their thumbs and declaring that all opposition to the treaty as it was would fade away. The President's statement that the Lodge reservations nullify the treaty is entirely unwarranted. It is a statement unfortunate both in its lack of foundation and in the obstacle it forms to future compromise."

York (Pa.) Dispatch: "The coming two years will be a period of doubt and difficulty. Forces of danger and disaster are accumulating. The very wisest man or group of men may be overwhelmed by the cumulative result of past mistakes. It has been very easy for the Democratic party to maintain the country in an apparently prosperous condition. But the seeming prosperity of these flush and inflated times is not real. \* \* \* The Democratic party has incurred an enormous debt, it has produced a tremendous money inflation, it has spent the taxpayers' money like water, it has brought the railroad near to ruin. Its lavish spending promoted a tremendous increase in cost of living. \* \* \* In disgust the country is clearly ready to turn out the present crew of incompetents and inefficient. The people who have to take over such a legacy of extravagance and turmoil may well be pitted. No doubt they will be blamed for results of past errors. However, the country needs the best business brains and managing efficiency at this crisis. The Republican party has previously weathered severe storms, and has pulled the country out of bad holes."

Kansas City Times: "The entire country is most deeply interested in what Kansas has done as Kansas itself. For in the passage of the bill for the court of industrial relations, Kansas is establishing an experiment station of the nation in the matter of industrial legislation. If the legislation proves effective in Kansas, every state in the Union will enact it. If Kansas has found a great aid to the solution of the problem of industrial strife, giving to labor and capital alike a square deal and preventing the wasteful, baneful methods of the strike, the country will give Kansas the chief seat at the celebration table. The industrial court provides an open door for labor; a tribunal to see that labor gets all that it is entitled

to get and gets it without the old strongarm method of strikes and riots. It pledges the good faith of the state to see that labor's rights are protected and at the same time that capital is not endangered. But above all, the Kansas industrial court bill is a public welfare measure. It is not properly speaking, an arbitration bill. It is not as labor representatives call it, an 'anti-strike bill' It is a bill to give the public that protection which the people cannot get outside of government activity, and every restriction of the measure on capital and on labor alike is merely incidental to the protection of the people."

Columbus (Ohio), Dispatch, Democratic: "Profiteering, fraud, waste, and greed were not confined to any one section of the country, it seems, while we were at war. The scandal in the shipbuilding industry on the Pacific Coast but matches the scandal of those who operated on the Atlantic side of the continent. But it makes the blood boil to read of these frauds. Here we were at war. Our boys were in the trenches fighting and dying. Homes were broken up. Young men were making sacrifices through love of country and older men were contributing their money for various war emergencies. And all the while a bunch of scoundrels were robbing the very government these boys and men were fighting to protect. How is one to be temperate of speech when one reads where such things were going on? It is estimated a billion dollars were stolen from the government in one way or another during the war, and no man has been stood up against a wall and shot. Only a few inconspicuous ones, in fact have ever been prosecuted. Is it any wonder that we have Bolshevism rearing its hideous head in this nation? There must be a cleaning up and cleaning out in this country, if it takes ten years to accomplish it. No man who unduly profited at the expense of the government while we were at war must be allowed to remain at large. If the heads of the departments cannot catch the thieves and grafters, then somebody ought to catch the heads of the departments where such practices were allowed. If the head of a government department were certain of punishment for any crookedness in his department, regardless of who the crook happened to be, then we should hear less of these gigantic frauds."

**Summons for Publication in Foreclosure of Tax Lien.**

In the circuit court of the State of Oregon for Tillamook County. W. A. Robbins, plaintiff.

T. B. Potter Realty Co., Frances L. Potter Thomas, T. Irving Potter, Frank Boocheer, L. E. Latourette, R. R. Steel, Elz K. Potter, and D. T. Van Tyne, joint receivers of the T. B. Potter Realty Co., et al. Defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified that W. A. Robbins, the holder of Certificate of Delinquency numbered 1168 issued on the 19th day of September, 1917 by the tax collector of the County of Tillamook, State of Oregon for the amount of Eight and 45-100 (\$8.45) Dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent for taxes for the year 1914 together with penalty, interest and costs thereon upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the owner as appears of record, situated in said County and State, and particularly bounded and described as follows to-wit: Lots 40 and 41, in Block numbered 61, Bayocean Park, County of Tillamook, State of Oregon.

You are further notified that said W. A. Robbins, has paid taxes on said premises for prior or subsequent years, with the rate of interest on said amounts as follows:

1914 tax, paid Sept. 19, 1917, tax receipt No. 7891, \$6.60 rate of interest 12 per cent.

1915 tax, paid Oct. 5, 1917, tax receipt No. 6829, \$4.89, rate of interest 12 per cent.

1916 tax first, April 22, 1918, tax receipt No. 4318, \$2.46, rate of interest 12 per cent.

1916 tax, second, Nov 18, 1918 tax receipt No. 6982, \$2.57, rate of interest 12 per cent.

1917 tax, first, April 19, 1919, tax receipt No. 4273, \$2.94, rate of interest 12 per cent.

1917 tax, second, Dec. 22, 1919, tax receipt No. 7223, \$2.20, rate of interest 12 per cent.

Said T. B. Potter Realty Co., as the owner of the legal title of the above described property as the same appears of record, and each of the other persons above named are hereby further notified that W. A. Robbins, will apply to the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described, and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the first publication of this summons, exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown, together with costs and accrued interest, and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above named.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable George R. Bagley, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Tillamook County, and said order was made and dated this 2nd day of Feb. 1920, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 5th day of Feb. 1920.

All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the un-

dersigned residing within the State of Oregon at the address hereafter mentioned.

John F. Reilly, Attorney for Plaintiff. Address 519 Wells Fargo Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

**Scraps of Paper.**

Prices seem to think there is plenty of room at the top.

Is there not some Burbank who can cross the cranberry bush with the sugar beet?

One reason we are a great nation is because we have been unable to exhaust our resources in spite of our best efforts.

Maybe if the Democratic platform of 1916 had promised that Mr. Wilson would keep us out of sugar the supply might be both cheap and plentiful.

A newspaper dispatch says that Berlin is spending its money madly. So are we, and the more we have to spend to meet the high cost of living, the madder we get.

Henry Beck Long, candidate for senator from Missouri, says posterity should pay at least half the war debt. That's right! Posterity didn't do a blame thing to help win the war.

Some democratic politicians did not worry over the waste of billions of dollars by Congress with a view of knowing where the money went and locating the responsibility for the criminal riot of public extravagance.

If Bryan should come up for President again his greatest handicap would be the fact that he was responsible for the presidency of Woodrow Wilson, "who kept us out of war", according to the slogan on the strength of which he was elected.

It is fair to say that the Japanese "overtures" for the return of the shadow of sovereignty in Shantung to China involved further trafficking in the national rights, interests and honor of the Chinese republic. The way to return Shantung is to return it.

Criticism of scandalous waste, mismanagement and graft in government, especially that which is notorious, should not be left to the radical and revolutionary elements in the country. The people may believe that those who do not criticize malfeasance in office are in sympathy with it.

Notwithstanding they have rejected him three times, it is quite probable that the people of the country have more confidence in W. W. Bryan today than they have in any other Democrat. That is necessarily saying very much. Public confidence in Democratic administration is just now at a very low ebb.

The real issue that will confront the country in the coming campaign is how to reduce the high cost of government. The answer is: Knock out the blundering inefficient south-bossed party now in the saddle. It has cost the people of this country several billion dollars, in the mere matter of waste alone.

If what Admiral Sims says is half true the secretary of the navy has cheapened the medals and other evidences of distinguished service so honorably and gallantly won by our naval heroes. A few more disclosures and they'll have about as much value to the boys as an iron cross to a German soldier in a prison camp in France.

At the Jackson day dinner in Washington Governor J. J. Cornwell, of West Virginia, said: "I honestly believe that it now, as it has ever been since the founding, is the mission of the Democratic party to stand by the principles of individual rights, individual liberty, and the individual ownership of property when that property is lawfully and honestly acquired." If the Democratic party stands for any of these things it will have to make a complete change in leadership and principles.

The New York World says the Democratic party is "bankrupt." It is, who bustled it but the one leader who has been the whole party ever since he secured control of it, and who has helped him turn the trick more persistently than the New York World? The country has had enough not only of Wilson leadership, but of New York World followship, and does not expect to get out of its troubles by going further down the road along which it has been led by the administration politicians and their court journal of which the World has been perhaps the most respectably subservient.

We are hearing a great deal these days from fatuous sentimentalists and fat-headed politicians concerning America's duty to the world, America's duty to the allies, and America's duty to all the races and kindreds on earth. But we are hearing little of America's duty to herself and nothing at all of the duty of other nations to America. Our President apparently cherishes the strange notion that he is a sort of super man, divinely chosen to regulate the conduct of the world, and to just the extent this hallucination is encouraged and humored to just that extent will there be hell on earth and bad will amongst men. America's duty to the world is to stay at home and mind her own business. The Lord knows this business needs minding and needs it badly.

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**Summons.**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Tillamook. P. E. Rogers, plaintiff.

vs. D. W. Snyder, defendant. To D. W. Snyder, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint, filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for this summons, as hereinafter shown, and if you fail to so answer for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against the defendant for the sum of \$193.20 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the date of filing the complaint herein, and for an order directing the sale of certain personal property of the defendant attached herein as security for the satisfaction of any judgment obtained by the plaintiff against the defendant herein and for the costs and disbursements of this action.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. Geo. R. Bagley, said order being dated Feb. 5, 1920, which order directs this summons to be published for six successive weeks, the date of the first publication being Feb. 12, 1920, and of the last publication March 18, 1920, and the date for answering herein expires March 25, 1920.

Johnson & Handley, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Address: Tillamook, Oregon.

**Administrator's Notice to Creditors.**

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Tillamook County, the undersigned, John Paquet, has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Fred Paquet, deceased. Notice is further given to all persons having claims against the said estate to present the same to the undersigned or to his Attorneys, Johnson & Handley, at Tillamook, Oregon, together with the proper vouchers, duly verified within six months from this date.

Dated February 12, 1920.  
John Paquet.

**Notice of Final Account.**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Anna M. McLeod, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Tillamook County, and that said court has appointed Monday, the 8th day of March, 1920, at the court house in Tillamook City, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

G. H. McLeod, administrator. Dated this February 5th, 1920.

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