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### DECREASED REVENUES A HELPFUL SIGN

Secretary McAdoo calls attention to the fact that the United States has lost \$89,000,000 in import duties during this year. Yet fault is found with the administration because other means of raising revenue have been adopted. This complaint comes from the advocates of high protection, who are so anxious about the poor laborer, and yet this shows that laborers in this country must be employed in making the goods here in America, that we used to import. As for finding fault about the manner of raising taxes, that is another bit of balderdash.

The duty on imports was adopted as the better way of raising revenues, for two reasons. One of these was that any tariff on foreign made goods permitted the American manufacturer to charge a higher price for his goods than he otherwise could get, and hence all the manufacturing industries were solidly behind the system, even those not benefited by it, hoping to get its motherly protection sometime.

The other reason was that it placed the payment of the expenses of running the government, where every other system of taxation either places it or tries to, that is on the consumer. The persons who used the foreign made goods paid the revenue to Uncle Sam. The worst feature of the system is that while Uncle Sam is collecting the duties on foreign made goods for the purpose of running the government, the American manufacturer got busy and collected practically the same duties on the goods he made, thus getting an unearned revenue, for himself, and levying a direct tax on the consumer.

Over and above these reasons, is the additional one that, the cost added by the tariff is not visible and as some wise Frenchman said, "It is a great revenue system because under it, the government can get the greatest amount of feathers with the least squawking from the goose."

### MISSES ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

The dispatches yesterday though somewhat conflicting on the subject, indicate that England cares little what becomes of Serbia, and has practically abandoned her to her fate. It does not seem possible that England could commit so grave a blunder from a military standpoint. Yet her dilatoriness is of a piece with that shown generally. As a military proposition the time to assist the Serbians, is while they are so gallantly defending themselves. Instead England it seems will wait until they are conquered and then undertake to repair the damage.

This has been her course and that of the allies generally all through the war. Putting up a desperate fight along the western frontier, and praying for Russia to attack, the common enemy and so bring them relief, so soon as Russia did this, they quit and allowed Germany to withdraw troops from in front of them without making an attack. Then when Russia was driven back and troops could be withdrawn from that front to oppose them, they again made fierce attacks all along the line.

The Englishman individually is brave, but collectively he is thick headed as well as John-Bull headed.

The United States uses 25,000,000 pounds of sugar a day—12,500 tons. As a large portion of this is handled in teaspoons, it looks as though it was a pretty large size contract to handle it. It would fill a box three feet deep, the same width and more than six miles long. Beet sugar is rapidly displacing the old sugar cane kind, and is responsible for the lower prices. The reduction in prices since the new crop began coming in, is saving consumers \$250,000 a day, and in the past six weeks has saved them \$10,000,000.

The Portland Telegram plaintively asks "Why is it a crime for Portland to ask for a square deal." The Corvallis Gazette-Times gets the answer correct at first attempt by saying: "It is not a crime, but a real startling surprise."

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### WHO PAYS THE TAXES

It would be interesting as well as instructive could the money which goes to pay taxes be traced back to its original source, that is to the one who actually pays the taxes. In many states, until recently, one of the pre-requisites to being classed as a voter, was that the person should be a taxpayer. In most of the states this is still a necessary qualification in voting at school elections, unless the would-be voter has children of school age.

Under this system the person who passed the money over to the tax collector was considered the taxpayer, and he is so considered yet, and yet there was never anything further from the truth. Every person who eats or wears clothing is a taxpayer, for the simple reason that he is a consumer, and that gentleman always pays the freight as well as the taxes.

In every business, the income, the profits must be sufficient to pay for the goods dealt in, the freight thereon, the rent of the building in which they are sold, the cost of selling, the taxes and all other incidentals, and leave enough over to pay the dealer for his time and labor, and a fair interest on the money invested, else it is not a successful business.

One of the above items is illustrative, "The dealer must pay the rent." Now the landlord in fixing the amount of this rent, estimates the taxes that will be levied against the building, and makes his rent rate high enough to cover it. The renter pays it, but in selling his goods he too takes the rent into consideration in fixing his per cent of profits, and so it goes on down to the consumer.

It is for this reason we have remarked that it would be interesting as well as instructive if the money with which taxes are paid could be traced back and credited to the person who actually pays them.



### WALT MASON'S BEDTIME STORIES

Long years ago, when I was small, not more than forty inches tall, an ancient woman used to tell fierce goblin stories passing well. Before I went to roost at night, she'd spring those yarns with keen delight, and all the long dark night I'd dream of horrid shapes, each one a scream. And now that I am old and gray, and bent and worn, and full of hay, I fear the dark and all its hosts of witches weird and sheeted ghosts, and only daylight can disperse the things that make the night a curse. And oftentimes I go and fume around that foolish beldame's tomb, and tell her—though she cannot hear—how she made night a thing of fear. And even as we go to press fool dames are sowing long distress, by telling kids, in solemn tones, dark tales of ghosts and bats and bones. Oh, tell the children pleasant tales of silver ships with purple sails, that come across the sunlit seas to bring them dolls and Christmas trees.

### WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Turkey began war on Russia by bombarding Theodosia and threatening Novorossiysk. Repulse of all German attacks, capture of the German trenches between the Aisne and Argonne and advances between Meuse and the Vosges, were France's claims. Progress south of Nienport, west of Lille and southwest of Verdun and sinking of the Russian cruiser Jemtechug and a French destroyer by the Emden in Peang harbor under the Jap flag, were Germany's claims. Teutons and Russians claimed East Prussian victories. Russia claimed the Germans were retreating in Poland. Americans there called that hungry Belgians throughout the country were expected to attack the authorities.

**REAR ADMIRAL BURIED.**  
San Diego, Cal., Oct. 28.—Impressive services for the late Rear Admiral Henry Newman Macney, U. S. N., retired, were held here today. Soldiers, sailors and civilians participated.

### WOMEN SUFFERERS NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands upon thousands of women have kidney and bladder trouble and never suspect it. Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease. If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased. You may suffer a great deal with pain in the back, headache, loss of ambition, nervousness and may be despondent and irritable. Don't delay starting treatment. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription, obtained at any drug store, restores health to the kidneys and is just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions. Get a fifty cent or one dollar bottle immediately from any drug store. However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention the Salem Daily Capital Journal.

Dr. Cook is not a spy, and the British should not hold him as one. He is only the first to say "I spy!" in the North Pole game.

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### COMMERCIAL CLUB DISCUSSES BRIDGE

#### Will Not Act Until Report of Engineers As to Repairs Is Received

After discussing the urgent need of some means of transportation across the river and receiving the report of Engineer Sadler that the bridge was unsafe, the commercial club at the special called meeting last evening decided to wait until a more complete report had been received. This report will be made within a few days, when the club will meet again to take some action. A motion was lost, urging the county court to provide a ferry while the engineers were making their report and during the repair of the bridge. There is a general impression, that although the bridge is now unsafe, it can be repaired and put in general condition to permit a load of 4,000 pounds. The evening's discussion resolved itself into a ways and means committee as to how to procure funds for the erection of a new bridge, how to repair the present bridge to, once again open traffic into Polk county, and as to the advisability of operating a ferry to relieve conditions at once.

**Law Hampers Polk County.**  
As to building a new bridge, Judge Bushey stated this county was ready to build, if the price was not too high. County Commissioner Beckett, of Polk county, was willing to build, provided some one would suggest a way of getting around the law passed by the last legislature, in which they were not permitted to increase their levy more than six per cent, without a special election.

The ferry proposition did not seem advisable to a majority of those present, not only on account of the difficulty of suitable landings, but from the fact that the travel across the river was so great, that a ferry would not in any way relieve the situation.

For immediate relief, there was no suggestion, other than that of just waiting until another report was made by the state engineers as to whether the bridge could be repaired to permit of light traffic.

The situation simply resolves itself into waiting a few days for the engineers' report, and if he is of the opinion that light loads can be carried after repairs are made, then waiting a few weeks while these repairs are under way. For the present, there will be no ferry, nor any traffic on the bridge.

**Some Individual Opinions.**  
Opinions were expressed as follows:  
I. L. Patterson, of Polk county: I find no opposition to the bridge and I think you will get support from all parts of Polk county.  
J. L. Stockton: Every day Salem is suffering from the bridge being closed. We should make arrangements for a free ferry for two years if necessary.  
State Engineer Sadler: If loads are reduced 30 per cent below what the bridge was originally intended to carry, it might be made to last another year.

Judge Bushey: I know the bridge is in bad shape from personal examination. Many people do not believe it, but there is the personal liability should any one meet with an accident. We will proceed at once to fix the bridge as soon as the report of Mr. Sadler is received.

Commissioner Beckett, of Polk county: Show us way to get the money and get around the new law, and we will build the bridge. We are up against it.

Joseph H. Albert: The most pressing need now is some way of getting across the river. Some temporary means should be provided for the bridge.

Judge Bushey: Let us drop the ferry idea until we find out if the bridge can be repaired. We will know this in a few days.

### Talk With Kaiser Awakens Peace Hopes

Washington, Oct. 28.—Peace talk again is in the air. Hopes of an early official discussion of possible terms for settlement of the great world struggle have been raised. Germany is expected to broach the subject.

It became known today that state department officials expect a reopening of the peace discussion. Carefully guarded inquiries are expected as the first sign of this belligerents' willingness to talk terms.

The conference between Ambassador Gerard and Kaiser Wilhelm at Potsdam Monday is regarded here as a peace indication. That they discussed peace, officials hoped and believed. Though he has not thus far done so, Gerard is expected to make an early report to President Wilson concerning his conference with the German ruler. Berlin dispatches from United Press Staff Correspondent Ackerman said the "whole German-American situation" was discussed, and that from Gerard's attitude afterward it was gleaned their meeting had been satisfactory.

### Coast Owned Ship Sunk In Mediterranean

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 28.—Word was received here today by the Pacific Crocoting company, its owner, that the steamship H. C. Henry, Captain William Lowery, was torpedoed by a German submarine on October 6, in the Mediterranean and sank. There were no lives lost. The ship was named after H. S. Henry, a Seattle millionaire. It was two days out of Alexandria, Egypt, when at-

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**JACOB IN TROUBLE.**  
Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 28.—Upon complaint of about forty women, Jacob Vogelbaum is under arrest here today on an information filed by the prosecuting attorney's office charging him with conducting a lottery. Vogelbaum has been in the suit and cloak business selling on a monthly payment plan with promised prizes to purchasers. The maximum penalty fixed by state law for the offensive with which Vogelbaum is charged, is five years in the penitentiary or a fine of \$1,000, or both.  
**WANT CARRANZA TO AID.**  
Washington, Oct. 28.—Governor Ferguson of Texas today wired President Wilson asking him to urge Carranza to do everything possible to stop border raids by Mexican bandits. The White House explained that its previous announcement that Ferguson has asked more troops was an unintentional error.  
**DIVORCE NOW A HABIT.**  
Seattle, Wash., Oct. 28.—For the fifth time in her life the name of Dorothy Alden Gerber, grand opera singer and wife of Dr. Rudolph H. Gerber, of San Francisco, figures today in a divorce suit. Mrs. Gerber, recently acquitted with "Dr." Ralph M. DeBit, former Yoga leader, of a grave statutory charge, has just filed her complaint alleging cruelty. Both parents are seeking the custody of their child, Arel, now a ward of the juvenile court here. Mrs. Gerber intends to marry DeBit.

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