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MORE REVENUE FROM INCOME TAX

Following swift on the decision of the United States supreme court yesterday upholding the income tax as constitutional, came the statement from several congressmen that much more than the \$80,000,000 now collected from that source would be forthcoming in the near future. Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, years ago in defending the income tax said it was the most just tax ever levied, because it made those who reaped the greatest returns under our government pay under this tax their just proportion of the expense of government. It is this class of taxes that some folks call "war taxes." That is what they generally are, for they were heretofore only levied in time of war. In times of peace the general government has collected a large portion of its revenues from a per capita tax, admittedly the most unjust tax that was ever devised.

We say per capita tax for that is what the duties on imports largely is. A tax on sugar, for instance, levies as much tax, on the common laborer as it does on Rockefeller or Morgan. An import tax on anything means that the person who uses the article must pay the tax, and this is practically a per capita tax. It is evident the statement made by the congressmen means that hereafter there will be a greater rather than smaller part of the war taxes collected in times of peace than ever before. The income and inheritance taxes have come to stay.

HELPING US TO COMMERCIAL FREEDOM

The European war has shown the United States as nothing else could how dependent she is on other nations. If it causes us to take steps to secure our commercial freedom it will prove of more real benefit to this country than even the vast sums of money that have been made out of the war.

If by some chance we could have been shut off from communication with France and England as we have been from Germany, the lesson would have been doubly impressive, for we do not realize how much we are dependent on those countries for the simple reason that we are still getting from them all the things we have always got.

Necessity has forced our chemists to seek the secret of certain dyes that are made in Germany, and this it is claimed has been accomplished, although as yet certain colors are out of the market. The American mind has been directed to these things and it is pretty certain that when the war is over many of the things we have heretofore depended on other countries for, will be made at home, and to that extent at least the foreign maker will have lost this market.

The State Highway Commission having notified the county court of Hood River county that the county will have to stand the expense of the upkeep of the Columbia River Highway, the Pine Grove Grange of that county rises to state its objections. The resolutions passed by the grange not only request the county court not to comply with the Highway commission's demand, but that if necessary it close the highway to public travel during the summer. Hood River, according to the grange, looks upon the Columbia Highway as a sort of side show belonging to Portland, and of benefit to that city alone. The county, or at least the grange, feels that it has done its part in helping build the road, and now to be taxed for its maintenance is piling it on too heavy.

The president is loaded and ready for his tour to preach the doctrine of preparedness and defend his program therefor. This will bring the subject again to the front in congress and by the time the president has completed his rounds the matter will have been pretty well threshed out by the lawmakers.

"Cyclone" Davis, of Texas, is properly named. He is an extraordinarily big wind.

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The Department of Agriculture has gone to considerable trouble to show the farmers that they lose \$250,000,000 annually on account of bad roads. The wise expert in showing this says: "The price of farm produce often goes up on those days when the roads are impassable, going promptly down again as soon as the roads are in good condition." If this proves anything it is that bad roads help boost prices, and good roads force them down. That expert was shooting at a target without taking into consideration the kick of his gun.

Governor Whitman, of New York, evidently thinks he is of presidential size. He recently sent to the state comptroller a voucher for the expenses of himself and party to the Panama Exposition last summer. It showed the trip cost \$20,760.43, which being pretty close figuring, the comptroller sent the voucher back with a request that it be itemized. What would the trip have cost if Whitman had made this visit as president instead of governor?

A dispatch from Washington yesterday tells of the old collier Justin, now in the Mare Island navy yard being sold for \$226,200, although her appraised value was only \$7,500. This looks like a big sum to pay for a piece of junk, but the shipping trust will make the farmers pay the bill. That is they will collect \$2.00 a bushel from Europeans for wheat she carries and split it with the farmers fifty, fifty.

Carranza's prompt action in punishing the murderers of Americans has taken the wind out of the sails of such congressmen as were determined to have the United States intervene in Mexico. It also demonstrates that the president was right in waiting to give the Mexican de facto government a chance to enforce its own laws, as it has done so far as it can.

Fred Ayer of Nome, Alaska, has established a new racing record, and also the fact that a dog team is no slouch in the matter of speed. On a fast track Sunday he made a six mile run in 21 minutes and 39 seconds, almost a 3:30 gait. Not so many years ago folks would pay good money to see a trotting horse make that time.

"Any reference to a poor editor in Oregon is a poor pun. There is one at Hood River who has just been chosen president of a national bank." So says the Oregonian; but it fails to make the distinction between poor and impoverished which is a distinction with a difference.

The postal department has taken a big contract in trying to stop boys and girls using the mails to correspond. "Love laughs at locksmiths," but he will only grin at postmasters who try to clip his wings.

Reports from all sections of the state indicate that most of the present county officials will be willing to serve their country for another term.



EATING TOO MUCH

I eat too much, the doctor tells me; with arguments like this he quiets me, when I inform him that his portions, of which I've swallowed endless oceans, don't cure my shingles, mumps or tetter, or make me feel the least bit better. "There'd be less sickness, grief and wailing, there'd be less suffering and ailing," the doc says, pausing in his carving, "if men would leave the table starving. Oh, let your meals be slim and meager; quit eating while you still are eager for more roast beef and spuds and gravy, and beans—the kidney kind or navy. Oh, leave the table while you're hollow, and while you still desire to swallow the bill of fare from A to Izzard, from soup right down to chicken gizzard. Then you'll be cured of your diseases, as laundered dog relieved of fleas is." Thus do the wise and learned physicians attack the modern-day conditions. We cure ourselves, by means distressing, and pay the doctor for his guessing.

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FOREST RESERVE NOTES

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LETTER SHOCKED HIM

Editor Capital Journal:
Dear Sir:—Mr. Fischer's letter in today's issue of the Journal, advocating dancing, billiards, etc. for the church was a great shock to me and to a few others. I think. It seems hard to realize that we have at last drifted so far away from true godliness and from the teachings of Christ, that such a letter could be written by anyone, least of all by a minister. I have thought lately that since the churches have all forsaken God and given themselves up to worldliness it might be wiser to close them up altogether for a period of 10 years or so, or until someone should be raised up who would be able and willing to follow the teachings of the Bible fully and teach others to do the same. I can see no sense in this weak and futile attempt of the church to compete with the world for the church can't put up as good a show "as the world can any way and we are all disgusted with the poor imitation. We are all tired of setting in an empty, or almost empty, church, gazing at a bare wall and empty seats while some poor little two-by-four minister talks on some social problems or tries to entertain us in some other way. If it is entertainment we want we could all be much better entertained almost anywhere else. But most of the few poor souls who continue to attend church regularly do so with the desire to please God and with that end in view are willing to endure the misery of a church service, "having respect unto the recompense of the evening." I am beginning to think, however, that those of us who really believe the Bible and try to follow its teachings would be doing a better service to the cause of Christ and the Bible if we withdrew from the church altogether for a time. If the worshippers were left to themselves they would soon find the church too empty a burden and give it up. The churches would then die a natural death and, perhaps, other church teachings a purer religion be raised up, or spring up of themselves. In the New Testament Christ teaches us that there is a future life of happiness awaiting those who serve Him in this life. He also teaches that there is a hell prepared for those who reject Him. Nothing that I ever heard of has happened to prove that Christ's words were not true, yet ministers with one consent seem to have agreed to ignore the awful fact that men and women are dying every moment and entering another life of eternal agony—everlasting fire! Can any minister prove with absolute certainty that Christ lied when He warned people that such a place is awaiting the ungodly? If the fact can not prove it, and if there is even a faint suspicion that He may have been speaking the truth and that there really is such a place or condition, then the duty of the minister is to warn people to "flee from the wrath to come." That would be much more useful than to give them dancing lessons. The minister who does not believe the doctrine of eternal punishment does not believe any of the Bible and should not be a Bible teacher. The minister who does believe in eternal punishment and fails to warn people of their dangers is cruel and inhuman to a degree hardly conceivable. Would it not be better, therefore, for true Christians to leave the church and its ministers to themselves until they

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(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 25.—President and Mrs. Wilson this evening will entertain Count Johann von Bernstorff, ambassador from Germany; representatives of the other central powers and ambassadors and ministers from a number of neutral countries. The dinner is the second of the two diplomatic dinners, instead of the single dinner usually tendered all the diplomats, made necessary this year on account of the war. The German ambassador, being next in rank in the diplomatic corps of Ambassador Jusserand of France, to whom the first dinner was tendered, will be the guest of honor, accompanying Mrs. Wilson in to dinner and being seated at her right at table. Ambassador von Bernstorff will meet the new White House mistress for the first time. It also will be the first occasion of his meeting President Wilson since this country has been plunged into various crises with the central powers. Countess von Bernstorff is not now in Washington and hence will not be present at the function tonight. Ambassador A. Ristum Bey of Turkey, also is absent and Abdul Hak Hussein Bey, the Turkish charge and Madame Bey will attend in place of the ambassador. Baron Erich Zwiédinek, charge d'Affaires of Austria-Hungary pending the

name of a successor to Ambassador Dossal, whose recall was asked by this country, will represent his country at the dinner. Countess Zwiédinek is not in Washington. Stephen Panaretto, the Bulgarian envoy and Mrs. Bernstorff will represent the fourth of the central powers at the dinner.

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