

The Democratic Advocate
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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 2, 1921

Meeting of Directors

The Board of Directors of The Democratic Advocate Company will meet in the Advocate office on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1921,

at 2 p. m., for the purpose of declaring the semi-annual dividend payable December 31, and to transact such business as may come before them.

GEORGE W. ALBAUGH,
President.

**UNTAXING THE RICH;
OVERTAXING THE POOR**

When the tax bill passed the House fifty Republicans voted with the Democrats to recommit the bill for revision. Here are the reasons as given by two western Representatives:

From speech of Representative Schall (Rep.) Minn.:

"The test should be, ability to bear the burden. The man who is able should pay. The man who has profited most should hand over in proportion. Spending should not be the basis of tax. Earnings are the only just basis. The present tax bill is fashioned to lay the heaviest burden on the backs of those least able to bear it. Think of the number of new millionaires, those who stayed at home and profited. Think of the profits—50, 100, yes, even 1,000 per cent—made at the cost of our necessity, at the price of our boys' blood and agony and now, forsooth, the surtax, the excess-profits tax, must be cut down.

"I shall vote to recommit the bill, with instructions to report it back, minus the repeal of surtaxes.

"The test of the iniquity of this bill able. A definite and certain per cent should be laid upon income and excess profits. Abolish nontaxable securities. Force the money out of its hiding place. Place the burden of tax where it belongs. This is what should have been done.

"The test of the iniquity of this bill is that the tax on the pay envelope is raised from 25 per cent, to over 50 per cent, while the surtax is reduced from 65 per cent to 32 per cent, and the excess-profits tax is abolished altogether. The principle of progressive tax was right, produced goodly revenue, even with the tax dodging. Why yield to political expediency and abolish it? I cannot see wherein any such action is defensible. One more argument has been handed to the Democrats on a silver platter. The level of constructive statesmanship is very low when it passes out a bill like this for the relief of the country."

EARLY HOLIDAY BUYING

Retail stores of our city advise all to do the Christmas shopping early.

Formerly a great deal was said about the severe pressure brought on store clerks and mail and express employees by the habit of buying Christmas presents during the brief period

before the holidays and then sending them all in a heap. It is a most inhuman and preposterous practice, and all that has been said previously applies now.

This year, if people would start right in today and buy their Christmas stuff, it would do a lot to help trade. Many factories are still running on short time. If the merchants could by the first of December clean up a good share of their holiday trade, it would enable them to go ahead and buy new stuff. This would get to work a lot of people who otherwise would be idle or employed only on part time, and would help them get through the hard times of winter.

WESTERN REVOLT ON TAX BILL

PRESIDENT HARDING REBUKED

The Republican tax revision bill satisfies no one. Senator Smoot's confession that it is a mere makeshift is an opinion shared by many of his colleagues in both Houses, by the business world generally and by taxpayers large and small. It has been denounced by Democratic leaders, comprising the only tax and tariff experts in both Houses, as "the worst tax bill ever presented in any Congress." As passed by the Senate it contains 833 amendments, largely in its administrative features, which nobody understands, and although Republican Senators have been openly challenged on the floor to explain these amendments, none has had the temerity to attempt an explanation although some have openly confessed their ignorance.

The few amendments that have improved the original bill were made by Democrats and presented by a Democratic Senator. The one outstanding amendment was the 50 per cent higher surtax, later accepted by the Republican Progressives and its acceptance forced upon Chairman Penrose of the Finance Committee and his fellow-reactionaries in order to avert a party split.

In the House the higher surtax did cause a split, when 94 Republicans voted with the Democrats to accept the Senate amendment of 50 per cent instead of adhering to the House amendment of 32 per cent.

This vote, cast by 94 Progressives of his own party, was a severe but deserved rebuke to President Harding, who had repeated his obstructive interference with Congress by writing a letter pleading for the 32 per cent rate, which would relieve multi-millionaires and profiteers only, and suggesting a compromise of 40 per cent.

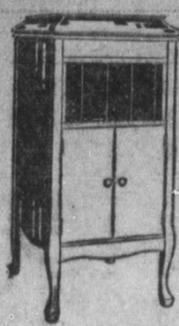
It is significant that this Progressive Republican vote for the higher surtax all came from the West, and truly reflected the spirit of revolt against reactionary Republicanism which is now prevalent throughout that section as it was in 1912.

WHEN CORN IS USED FOR FUEL

When corn is 32 cents a bushel it is as cheap fuel as coal at \$16 a ton, according to Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture. At 20 cents a bushel it is a fuel as cheap as coal at \$10 a ton. "Undoubtedly," he says, "large quantities of corn will be burned on Western farms this winter unless the price should materially advance." In Argentina, corn is burned today not only on farms but in power plants.

As a statement of economic fact this cannot be disputed. It is simply a count of calories and carbon units. But when food is burned for fuel the mind flits to Vienna, to Petrograd, to Warsaw, to river towns on the Volga, where millions of people are facing

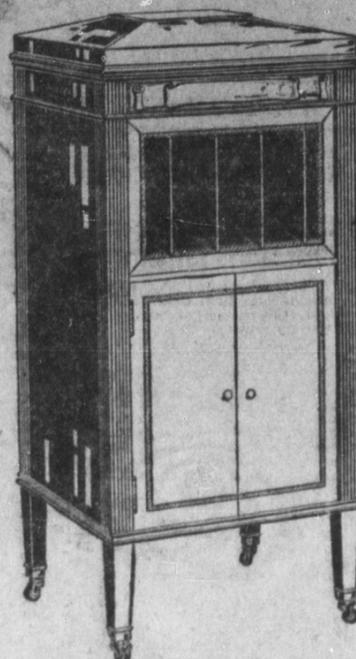
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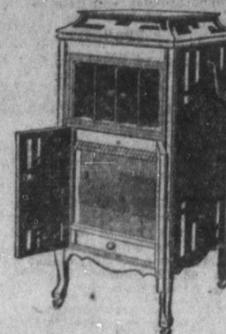
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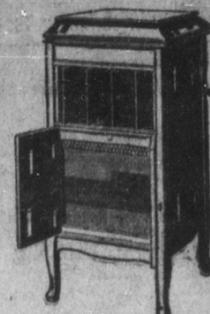
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the prospect of privation at best, starvation for many, and where American relief workers could so helpfully use that "fuel" for food.

No hint of blame should darken the homes that by the stern laws of economics are forced to burn corn. The coal-burners are as truly victims as are the starving wretches many miles away of the failure of civilization to solve the problem of distribution of food, the problem of the price of coal. We point, and justly, to the breakdown of production and transportation in Soviet Russia as an indictment of the Government and as the handmaid of famine. Is our own record quite spotless when corn that starving people need is burned because it is cheap while coal is dear?—New York World.

GORGEOUS SILLINESS.

Mrs. Smith Wilkinson, of England, greatest of women spenders, has outdone her recent sartorial splurge in Paris. She appeared at the Victory Ball in Albert Hall, London, attired as the "Queen of Sheba." She wore a gown decorated with 75,000 diamonds, worth about \$5,000,000. She had a "craiss" of diamonds over a skirt of silver lace embroidered with pearls. Her shoes were "of silver cloth, with

high Louis, XV, heels covered with tiny yellow diamonds." Most startling of all was her headdress, 60 inches high, consisting of "a loose cap laced with diamonds, with three ropes of wonderful pearls of graduated length draped from the ends of the cap at the ears and falling below the chin." From the top of the diamond cap stood three white peacock feathers studded with diamonds, and these were flanked by birds of paradise.

Solomon's queenly friend never did anything like that.

And it happened in England, staggering under war debts and industrial troubles and in a world ragged, hungry and disheartened.

The curious thing about it is that this portly modern rival of Sheba's queen is reputed to have made all her millions herself in business. That calls for a level head. All the more wonder that so successful a woman of affairs should blow up in such gorgeous silliness. It's a mad world.

ASSOCIATION IDEA IS WOODROW WILSON'S SCHEME UNDER ANOTHER NAME

The continuing "association of nations" which, according to reports, President Harding has foreseen as a

conference, would be "the old League of Nations under another name." Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, declared in a statement issued Monday. Senator Borah's statement reads: "The proposed association of nations has not yet been reduced to form nor yet defined. But from what one can gather here and there, it is the old League of Nations under another name. It will be engaged in precisely the same kind of things that were proposed by the league. It is not what you call it but what it is that counts.

Fundamentally and in the practical workings of the association of nations, it will not differ from the League of Nations. I see no reason, therefore, why the forty-three nations which have signed the league should be asked to abandon it and transfer their names to an association of nations. If we want to go into this kind of a proposition, there is no reason why we should not experiment with the one they have.

It is claimed by the advocates of the league that the present league has been of much service to Europe. If so, there is no reason for asking Europe to scrap the old league and try a new one. If we are going into Europe we

ought to go in. If we are not, we ought not to be handing her a new league every ninety days. She will likely conclude that after the next Presidential election she would have another league. I see no difference whatever in joining the present league and joining another league by a new name."

THE GREAT RAILROAD STRIKE.

An old saying, "The greatest trouble I ever had was the trouble which never came," may apply to the general "Walk-out" of railroad men all over the United States scheduled for the last day of October. Truly, it may be a "Halloween party."

Mr. Henry Ford says there will be no strike on his railroad, and all the other railroads are preparing to substitute men for those who decide that "striking" is the best course to pursue.

ALMOST THE SAME

Davis—Everything I have in this world I owe to my wife.
Henpeck—I'm almost like you, too. Everything I owe for in this world my wife bought.

When a lawyer makes a mistake it is just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

1,000 CHURCHES.

In a religious paper having a wide circulation, we see an article by the Editor, attacking the moving picture machines in the churches. He says in part, "There are now about 4,000 churches in our country that operate moving picture shows. Can the ministers preach the true Gospel with pictures that worldly people make?" And we would add, remember what Christ did to the money-changers in the temple.

YOU BET

"Have you anything to say before leaving the stand," asked the Judge, after pronouncing a death sentence upon a Negro murderer.
"Yes, sub, Judge," replied the prisoner. "I wants to say right here dat dis is gonna be a lesson to me."

Nell—"I wonder if Jack knows father has just cleaned up a fortune in the stock market." Belle—"Has he proposed to you?" Nell—"Yes." Belle—"He knows."

When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference. But when an editor makes a mistake—Good night!

When a judge makes a mistake it becomes the law of the land.
When a doctor makes a mistake he buries it.