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UNCLE SAM'S PUZZLE

Have you made out your income tax return? Doing that may be easy for the fellow who knows how. Maybe Uncle Sam believes that in the new form he's fixed it is as easy as A. B. C. But say, the average man can tie himself up in double knots poring over the thing.

"Were you living with your wife on December 31? How many dependents under 18 mentally or physically defective were receiving support from you on December 31?" My, how inquisitive! There's six big pages altogether, with references in one section to exemptions in "Schedules A, E and I." But under "Calculation of Tax" it is all made clear! There's "Item M—net income shown on page 2, item J," "Less Personal Exemption (see instruction VII)," "Balance (Income taxable at 4 per cent)" "Tax due (4 per cent on amount of item O)," "Less normal tax of 2 per cent on item F" and "Balance of tax due," so much. Perfectly plain. Perfectly plain.

Heigh-ho. One finds that he can have until March 15 before filing the thing. And he folds up old pigs in the clover and staves off the "wilies" until another day.

OPTIMISM

The optimist is a handy fellow with a smile. He spreads it around regardless. And it catches and like when one casts a stone into a pool, the waves recede in circles until they are out of sight. So one smile breeds another and they go on and on until they "buck up" against the rocky shore of a pessimist, and there they stop.

Optimism is an asset in humans that is sure to refine the pure gold of commerce or of contentment, or both. Be one. He takes the most hopeful view, looks on the brightest side. He says that whatever occurs, is right and good. His opposite, the pessimist, is a moving Mr. Gloom, a grouch whose personality resents the rain, the sunshine, the clouds and the cold. Nothing suits.

But everything is fine to the optimist. The rain that dampens the pessimist's ardor puts life into vegetation. The sun that dazzles the eyes of the pessimist is a gift of God to the optimist. And he laughs and smiles his way through the world, communicating the kindly trait of optimism to all with whom he comes in contact.

Optimism is a swell disease and the world ought to have more of it.

BUDGET?

The Senate has got so far as a sub-committee agreement on a proposed bill for a national budget. Senator McCormick is responsible for it. It makes the secretary of the treasury in effect a "minister of finance," with full authority under the president to review all items of all departments and full responsibility for all items passed on to Congress for appropriations. It would take from the treasury—very sensibly—all side lines, such as the Public Health Service, the Coast Guard, the Bureau of War Risk Insurance and similar bureaus, which have no connection with money-raising and spending activities.

It is proposed to create under the secretary of the treasury a Budget Bureau with a commissioner at the head, whose duty it will be to coordinate the work of providing sources of revenue to conform to the budget requirements; to investigate waste and duplication in the government departments, recommend changes, provide rules under which money shall be spent and generally see that the budget is adhered to. The bill thoughtfully excepts Congress from the necessity of holding down expense! Nevertheless, it is a good start in the right direction!

The United States is the only nation in the world of any consequence that runs its finances haphazard. It is the only one where spending has no relation to income. It will be hard work to convince pork-barrel committees and log-rolling congressmen that budget legislation is desirable, but Uncle Sam has got to the point where he can no longer afford to spend recklessly without regard to income. Budget legislation has become a necessity. The Republicans promised it as part of their platform in the last congressional elections. The country is waiting for the fulfillment of that promise.

WITH THE EDITORS

SOUTH DAKOTA VIEW OF LOWDEN

A few years ago we all remember Halley's comet. Before its coming it was heralded with great acclaim. It flashed through the night and where it is now nobody knows.

The Lowden coming to South Dakota was a good deal like that. He was heralded throughout the state with great gusto. He has come and gone and a feeling of distinct disappointment seems to have followed in his wake.

South Dakotans of undecided mind looked at him, heard him talk and tried to find in him the kind of man they want for President. He failed to wake in people who saw him in his public appearances the enthusiastic regard that would carry adherence from this time on to the primaries next month.

Lowden seems to have been stronger before he came to the state than he is now. Too many of his supporters are beginning to talk of Coolidge or Harding. The latter is the candidate of the standpat element in the East and the old guard in this state is anxious to have Lowden voted in. Which of the two would be given the votes in the convention remains to be seen.—Aberdeen American.

SOME CENTENARIES OF 1920

The two most noteworthy centenaries of the year are those of the birth of William T. Sherman, February 8, 1820, and the death of Daniel Boone, September 26, 1820. Of all the persons whose names grace the panels of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, these are the only ones whose birth or death occurred in 1820. Sherman is one of the five full generals of whom the United States is proud to boast. The deeds of Boone, who emigrated to Missouri, then a Spanish possession, are known to every schoolboy.

February 15, 1820, Susan B. Anthony was born. The work begun by her will be consummated in the nineteenth amendment to the constitution. March 22, 1820, Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with James Barron. Only a few years before he had forced the Bey of Algiers to renounce tribute from the United States.

In England, April 27, 1820, was born the synthetic philosopher, Herbert Spencer. At Florence, in May, 1820, was born the famous nurse, Florence Nightingale. In Ireland, August 21, 1820, occurred the birth of the distinguished physicist, John Tyndall. In Sweden, October 6, 1820, Jenny Lind, the famous singer, first saw light.—G. R. Green in the Outlook.

LAW FOR THE RAILROADS

Except by those governed by counsels of perfection, the railroad bill as finally agreed upon in conference will be accepted as a measure of real progress and true reconstruction. The subject has been under consideration in both houses of congress for many months, and the deliberations of the conference committee, whose duty it has been to reconcile two widely differing enactments, have been laborious and intelligent.

Few compromises are satisfactory to everybody, but the bill as agreed upon promises to embody into law so many just conclusions based upon long and costly experience that even if its omissions or defects were believed to be serious they might be temporarily disregarded. The main thing is the return of vast properties to private control with the disapproval of every visionary scheme of state socialism which that act implies. Of almost as much importance is the recognition of certain truths as to the relation of rates to cost of service, the protection of investors in the issuance of securities and the legalizing of consolidations obviously in the interest of the public.

It has been a long and dismal road that the people have traveled in reaching this goal. Political demogogy and financial piracy have beset them on every hand. They have been plundered by gamblers and wreckers; they have seen their transportation system break down in the presence of timid legislators and administrators, and they found nobody willing to meet the situation until the great war compelled action.

Probably not one of the authors of this measure regards it as a permanent settlement. The best that can be said for it is that it is a wise departure in the right direction. It clothes the interstate commerce commission with necessary power. It asserts the rights of the public as on an equality with those of capital and labor. It is a foundation upon which it should be possible to build securely for the future.—New York World.

The air program may have been "a record of ignorance and dickering, waste and extravagance." The senate's hot-air program is like that.

At that, it is much safer for Gompers to say what he thinks of congressmen than for congressmen to say what they think about him.

Pure religion and undefiled is the kind that will keep you from using swear words when you observe the antics of the senate.

Will international control of the sultan be extended to the harem?

NOT A WELL DAY IN ELEVEN YEARS, SAYS LINCOLN MAN

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AT THE MOVIES

THE ELTINGE "Checkers" a big special Fox production taken from the racing melodrama that was a tremendous success on the legitimate stage for many years, will be the attraction at the Eltinge theatre, beginning tonight. The picture was directed by William Fox by Richard Stanton, who staged "The Land of the Free," "The Spy," and "Why I Would Not Marry."

THE BISMARCK When Joseph Henaberry, one of the best known directors in motion pictures, directed Douglas Fairbanks' great success, "The Man From Painted Post," last year, he evinced talents of the highest order. Some time ago he wrote a novel story the originality of which attracted Mr. Fairbanks instantly and work upon its production was begun without delay. This was "Say, Young Fellow," Mr. Fairbanks' latest Arterat starring vehicle, which will be shown at the Bismarck theatre tonight and tomorrow.

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ATTENTION!

Senator Hiram W. Johnson, Please Answer the Following While in Bismarck, North Dakota

Explain why you think the desires of the United States will be smothered in the League of Nations if the British Empire has six votes and United States one vote.

Have the different parts of the British Empire displayed in word or act they would vote with Great Britain to destroy the leadership of the United States in the League of Nations?

Is it not a fact that the British Empire is a miniature League of Nations now?

Is it not a fact that about the only ties that bind the British Empire together with Great Britain or its head is the British navy?

What ties bind Canada and Australia to Great Britain besides the British navy that they pay taxes to Britain to support, not for British support, but for their own protection?

Are you aware of the fact that Canadian and Australian soldiers paraded in London with the American flag in the Armistice celebration instead of their own?

Do you know that in Dublin, Ireland, on the night after the Armistice was signed Australian soldiers took an American flag and started a parade in Dublin? And the Sinn Feiners joined them, and they entered a hall to hold a celebration? And that the English soldiers on duty in Dublin started to throw bricks in the windows to break up the meeting, because they paraded with the American flag instead of their own. That hall was wrecked and several people were very badly hurt in the riot, but the Australians and the Irish came out on top in the fight?

Do you know that the American soldiers were on better terms with the English Tommy than any of the British overseas troops were that ever were in England?

Is it not a fact that if the different parts of the British Empire have more friendship for the United States than they have for Great Britain they will vote with the United States in the League of Nations? And in reality the United States will have six votes for her policy and Great Britain one, if six votes are given to the British Empire in the League of Nations.

Is it not a fact that there was not a pure Englishman at the head of the British government, civil or military, in the late war?

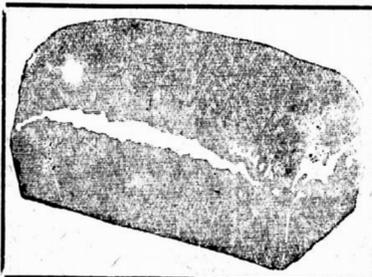
Is it not a fact that in some respects Great Britain at heart respects the American flag more than she does her own? And a great deal more than some American citizens do?

Great Britain is honeycombed with the American principle of doing things. But the old political gang keeps her from adopting them.

Europe is on her knees begging for the chance to follow the spiritual leadership of America in the League of Nations.

Senator, such as you are keeping America from answering that prayer because you are looking for campaign material to use to get you into a higher office. But you will never get a higher office in this dear old land that made the world safe for democracy by using your influence to keep peace from entering the world.

America is the moral leader of the world, and has been since her birth. The world is torn with strife because the hands of the leader of the world are bound by politicians such as you, Mister Senator.



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