

Vital Washington News

By Tavenner

One of the crowning sins of the Congress which recently passed into history was its failure to pass income or inheritance tax legislation.

We now raise practically all national revenues by placing a tariff tax on things eaten, worn or used by the people.

Our protective system of course requires the millionaire to pay a tax on that which he eats, wears or uses, but it does not tax him to the extent of one penny on his wealth.

Thus it might, and no doubt frequently does, happen, that a section hand on the railroad with a family of six or seven children pays more toward running the national government, toward building battle ships and maintaining them, toward keeping our standing army, than the millionaire bachelor who is too proud to marry and raise children.

President Taft, and President Taft alone, must bear the brunt of responsibility for the failure of Congress to tack an income tax provision on the Payne-Aldrich bill.

The President knuckled absolutely to the will of Boss Aldrich, urging Congress to pass a corporation tax instead of an income tax. To fool and console the people the treacherous Aldrich then smilingly consented to a ratification of a constitutional amendment legalizing an income tax, well knowing that ways could be worked out to thwart such ratification, at least within the life of the present generation.

But there remains still another chapter of this legislature swindle that the American people ought to know about. As an excuse for having killed an income tax, President Taft stated, that the corporation tax should contain a publicity clause which would enable the government and the people to secure information about the working methods of the corporations.

So Congress passed the corporation tax, but jokers of the people by purposely failing to provide funds for the handling of data which would come in under the publicity clause. Even this was not enough.

SENATOR CLAPP'S ILLUSTRATION.

Senator Clapp of Minnesota, Republican insurgent, was recently given an interview on the justness of a tax on incomes. Finally he stopped abruptly and pointed out of his window.

THE ISSUE.

Two big state conventions were held recently. Pennsylvania Republicans declared as follows on the tariff:

"We believe that the tariff bill recently enacted is in accord with the Republican policy expressed in its last national platform. We agree with President Taft that it is the best tariff the Republican party has ever had passed."

Said the Ohio Democrats: "We demand a revision of the present unjust and oppressive tariff, reducing the rates so as to lower the prices imposed on the consumers."

Consumers, it is up to you. Think the matter over.

WHAT DEMOCRATIC LEADERS THINK.

"In my opinion the next house will be Democratic by a majority of between forty and fifty," said Chairman James T. Lloyd of the National Democratic Congressional committee. Mr. Lloyd is in close touch with political conditions in practically every congressional district in the country, and is generally reputed among his colleagues as more likely to be over cautious than over confident, if anything, when making political prognostications.

REPUBLICAN EXTRAVAGANCE.

When the Republicans took control of the Federal government in 1861 the expenses of the government were about \$65,000,000 annually, nearly \$1,000,000,000 less than now. As Hon. James G. Blaine says in his Twenty years in Congress: "The leaders of the Democratic party had guarded the treasury with unceasing vigilance against every attempt at extravagance or corruption."

WHERE OUR MONEY GOES.

Figures showing the number of new offices created for Republican politicians by the last session of Congress have not yet been prepared. The preceding Congress, however, created 26,944 new positions. For new offices created and salaries increased, the Sixtieth Congress added to the taxes paid by the people the stupendous sum of \$39,563,577.88.

The Case Plainly Stated.

Somewhat more than 70 years ago when Missouri's population was a tenth of what it is today, and when its developed wealth was but a tithe of what its people now possess, the young State, not then two decades old, erected for itself a capitol, stately and costly for the day. It cost \$350,000. Nearly half a century later a quarter of a million more was expended on its remodeling.

Now the State needs a new capitol, more convenient for its purposes, of finer spaciousness, worthy of its present greatness.

A joint and concurrent resolution providing for a Constitutional amendment authorizing the building of such a new capitol has been adopted by the legislature, and the constitutional amendment ought to carry.

The proposition which it is thus purposed to lay before the voters for ratification is that, without increase in the present rate of taxation, \$5,000,000 in 30 year 3 per cent bonds shall be issued and that the new capitol shall be erected from the proceeds of their sale.

Missouri is rich. Her bonds are as stable as any. A capitol bond issue would sell at par or better like hot cakes. To provide

for their interest and retirement at maturity would require annually approximately only \$250,000. We can easily afford that.

State pride and State necessities both demand a modern capitol building, impressive in architecture, well lighted, well heated, full of comfort and conveniences, a credit to Missouri and a habitable home for the business of the taxpayers and the work of our lawmakers.

Unexplored Caves of California.

In the vicinity of Tulu Lake, California, about forty extinct volcanoes have been found, many already being covered with thick vegetation, and beneath the beds of lava given off by them in the past numerous interesting caverns have recently been discovered and explored.

One recently explored is said to contain two stories, the temperature in the under one being so low that icicles two yards long depended from the ceiling. Large caves have various origins. Many have once been solid ground, covered with heavy clay and lime stone rock; the lower ground is washed away by underground waters, a roof and floor being left. Other caves are the result of air or other gases getting into the molten lava, expanding with the heat and blowing themselves into lava bubbles, leaving hollows and caverns when the lava has cooled and hardened, just as air bubbles may be seen to do in molten tar.

Cheese Improves With Age.

Newspapers report that in the Alpine regions of the Swiss cantons of Vaud and Valais cheese makers will keep their products for years. They assert that cheese improves with age. At Les Ormonts, in the canton of Vaud, it is customary to make special cheese for certain family feasts or even at funerals. Often such cheeses are bequeathed from one generation to another as family souvenirs.

Recently at Les Ormonts in a concealed shelter there was discovered a cheese dating from 1785. It was as hard as a rock and had to be cut with a saw. It is reported to have tasted good.

Mrs. S. N. Wilson returned Tuesday evening from a visit in Warrensburg, Mo.

Miss Mary Ridings went to Wellington yesterday for a few days' visit.



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