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The Seattle Star

How Our Debts Mushroom

A man walked into The Star office yesterday to hand us a big, fundamental economic fact that is loaded with potential dynamite for the world. And yet, in all our reading, we have seen no reference made to it thru these reconstruction months. Which indicates that plain citizens are doing some of the thinking and that the erudite magazines have no monopoly on the process.

The fact this man (a Seattle contractor) pointed out was: That last year the United States added many billions of dollars to its national debt; that every other nation which previously had a national debt did likewise; and THAT THIS MENACING LOAD IS BEING HEAPED HIGHER AND HIGHER EVERY MONTH.

How? Simply thru price deflation. For instance, if the debt were to be paid now in wheat it would require three times as much grain to square the account as it would have required not so many months ago. If in lumber, how very much more difficult it would be than at the time the Liberty Bond issues were floated, any western Washington lumberman can figure for himself.

And deflation continues. As it goes on, the real debt of the United States grows proportionately larger. And with it the real debt of every other nation. And of every American state, county, city, port district, school district.

There is something to ponder over. The effects ramify off into channels that will trouble our children's children for generations to come.

Only \$450,000 in 23 Years

It takes our visitors to point out a lot of interesting facts about the Pacific Northwest country. We residents are too close to it to see some of its distinctive points.

For instance, did you know that the big new Paradise Inn, up on the mountain, is the ONLY tourist hotel of the first order west of the Yellowstone and north of California? Yet it is true.

Did you know that while the state and counties of Washington have expended \$3,000,000 in constructing good roads to Rainier National park, and Seattle and Tacoma business men have spent in five years \$600,000 for accommodations there, that the federal government has spent only \$450,000 on the entire park in the whole 23 years of its existence as such?

Neither did we. Yet these are facts to think about. They were brought out yesterday by visiting national park officials.

This park, which now attracts 40,000 visitors a year, and on which we Washington folks have spent \$3,000,000, is worthy of a little more attention from Uncle Sam. It is our own fault it does not receive that attention.

In other words, we have not dinged the merits of the proposition into Uncle Sam's ear as insistently as we should have done. We should educate our congressmen to the need. A flood of letters right at this time to all seven members of the Washington delegation asking them to present aggressively the case of Rainier National park to the appropriate committee would not come amiss.

It has been 127 years since Cleopatra killed herself and the gallos have done nothing yet.

The La Follette Idea

Of the 25 republicans members of the house who voted to instruct the House conference to accept the 50 per cent maximum surtax on incomes, it is significant that nine come from Wisconsin.

Wisconsin is the state of Robert M. La Follette, foremost advocate of the high scale of surtaxes on the larger rates of incomes. La Follette's term expires soon and he will undoubtedly be a candidate for renomination next spring.

In his campaign the issue of greater or smaller taxes on large incomes will be carried to the people.

What the result of that appeal will be on the voters may be conjectured by the fact that nine of Wisconsin's 11 republican congressmen took La Follette's end of the proposition—braving the wrath of their party organization in the house.

Sentiment in Wisconsin is probably very much like the sentiment in other states.

Relativity You Can Grasp

Ultra-rapid movies, which show you fast action slowed down so all details can be watched, are being used to show boxers, billiard players, jumpers and golfers their defects.

The golfer who cannot understand why he misses the ball, quickly sees his defect when he watches a specially made ultra-rapid movie of himself.

Watch this invention for important discoveries. It is man's first success at eliminating time—transforming a minute into an hour. Comforting to Einstein, who says that time and space are relative, not actually existing as fixed quantities.

A man who shot his wife's car off is being sued for divorce. The parting shot.

Chicago's grand opera is being heard 150 miles away. Must have a new bass.

In destroying these ships, do they want to "See America First"?

The man who talks to himself has a sympathetic audience.

A Groundless Fear

In the first 10 months of this year, up to November 1, imports of merchandise into the United States totaled \$2,055,762,580. That compares with \$2,504,021,908 in the corresponding 10 months of 1917, when prices were lower.

Something has gone wrong with the calculations of the men who predicted that America would become the dumping ground for a flood of foreign-made goods as soon as the war stopped.

Most of the things we fear the deepest never happen at all.

Congressman Herrick may be sued for breach of promise; but then, all congressmen may be sued for that.

A man around the house during the day is useless. Every woman should be without one.

Composers certainly do put on airs. That's their business.

Many a woman's hair is her own because she thought it.

The Real Solution

Arthur Nash, millionaire clothing manufacturer of Cincinnati, says: "I know that the philosophy of Jesus Christ is the solution of all our problems."

The Golden Rule is the divine law governing human relationships. It also is the basic law governing perfect balance in economics.

Like other truths, this is so obvious that it takes people a long time to see it. Most of our problems are spiritual. The material side is the result, not the cause.

A tooth, said to be 150,000 years old, has been found near Buffalo. A large argument over what tooth paste he used is expected.

The only business man who doesn't need to advertise is one whose wife is a widow.—Grandview (Wash.) Herald.

Only 18 were doped on the first day of Ohio's rabbit hunting. Twelve hunters.



PARABLE OF THE PLAYTHINGS

BY DR. WM. E. BARTON

HE daughter of the daughter of Keturah hath Cousin, for I and Keturah we have other grand children. But they live in other cities, so that they see each other only in the Good Old Summertime.

Now it came to pass on a day that the daughter of the daughter of Keturah and her little cousin, even the small son of my son, they played together, and for a time all went very happily. And so did it nearly all the time.

But on this day they had played for a time when there arose a mighty wall from the son of my son. And when their mothers entered, behold, the daughter of the daughter of Keturah had all the playthings, and she held them high above the head of her little cousin.

And when Keturah and the wife of my son inquired concerning the trouble, and the little lad made loud lamentation, the daughter of the daughter of Keturah spake with

great Consciousness of Virtue. And she said: I am teaching my little cousin to be Unselfish.

That is one way to do it, and the way in which it hath been done from the days of Eve down, albeit Keturah knoweth not how to do it in this hour.

And I smiled much at the way in which the daughter of the daughter of Keturah taught her cousin to be unselfish, and I hoped that that method of instruction would not become too popular.

Nevertheless, there is something to be said for it.

When my friends who have automobiles take me driving, and I own more cars than any other man in town, then do I comfort myself, and say:

I am not wholly to be censured for thus cultivating good graces in the lives of my neighbors. Too easily might they grow Aristocratic, and proud of their Privilege.

I am a most virtuous man in helping them to cultivate their generous sentiments. They live the better and enjoy life the more by reason of the sharing of their good things, and I will assist them in the distribution. I am teaching my neighbors to be Unselfish.

Poems for your Scrapbook

From Eve of Election

INDIAN SUMMER

BY R. G. WHITTIER

From gold to gray
Our mid, sweet day
Of Indian summer fades too soon;
But tenderly,
Above the sea
Hangs, white and calm, the hunter's moon.

Try This on Your Wise Friend

Seventy-two can be divided into three parts such that the first is three times the second and the second half the third. What are the parts?
Answer to yesterday's: As ye sow so shall ye reap.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

A "Thirty-Ten" Law

Editor The Star:
A campaign for a new school tax law, known as the "thirty-ten" law, is now being vigorously carried on by the school teachers. It means that an additional \$10 must be raised by state taxation, in addition to the \$20 now raised, for every \$10 that comes from earnings of the permanent school fund held by the state.

If this was all the school tax we had to pay, well and good, but in each school district a regular tax levy is made. In case this plan becomes a law, the taxpayers of the city of Seattle will be compelled to

go into their pockets for \$138,548 to be paid out in some other part of the state where the taxes are considerably less than they are in Seattle.

I would call particular attention to the fact that this campaign is being directed and carried on by those whose salaries are paid by taxation, and are exempt from the income tax, and some of whose homes are outside of the city limits so that they also escape the high taxes we have to pay. How long are the taxpayers going to permit their employees to dictate their financial affairs? Yours,
A. T. AXPAYER.



There is much charm, the bard asserts, about the swish of silken skirts. I'd better qualify that, tho, he used to say it long ago. The skirts today, remarks one fish, are probably too short to swish—Home Brew.

PAGE AVRIDGE MANN

Here, boy! That note belongs to me! A line from Homer Brew, I see. From out his brainy beard there spurts a paragraph concerning skirts; you've gotta hand the cake to Brew—he's always springing something new!

Now as to skirts, I think it's wrong to say they've been too short too long; nor do I think it should be said that girls get dressed to go to bed. I don't believe it's really so; I only guess—do not know.

I'm a guy that always tries to view the skirts with open eyes; for who am I that I should stand and raise a deprecating hand, because I never have to pay to see a chorus-girl display?

I call to mind the time I stared at what the modern dressers bared, when I was nearly strangled on hearing someone start to say, "You're staring at the chickens, so you can't see the girls you know!"

I missed you in the throng, because your skirt was far too long. They say that that's the proper dope—it won't be popular, I hope; because, unless the notion ends, I'll never recognize my friends!"

Avriddle Mann

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This department accepts contributions for charity in any amount. In appreciation of your help, Avriddle Mann will send you a special letter—signed "everything"—which he calls a membership degree in "The Brotherhood of Man."

All undersigned contributions will be sent to the Seattle Community Chest fund. Those who prefer to make a direct contribution to a specified charity, rather than the Community Chest, may so specify, and their contributions will be sent as directed.

- Previously acknowledged:
- Community Chest fund \$45.30
 - Washington Children's Home 1.50
 - Salvation Army 2.00
 - Ryther Home 7.00
 - Humane Society 1.00
- Today's subscriptions:
- Community Chest fund—
 - Mrs. W. E. McLaren \$ 1.00
 - Red Cross 1.00
 - Frank Horace \$ 5.00

By a new one? Is it not a fact that these issues are constantly increasing in volume? Have they reduced their indebtedness as our local business houses have been asked to do? It seems to me that from the standpoint of prudence alone the local banks could well afford to lend their money locally where the borrowers are personally known to them—where the loans can be watched from day to day—rather than to ship it to distant cities to

To Be or Not to Be a Capitalist?

Editor The Star:
I am interested in a new idea which I may place on the market. If it is feasible and practical I shall do so, but there are several elements entering into the proposition.

If I make this article myself and act as my own salesman I can make an excellent income, somewhere in the neighborhood of 75 per cent of the article's cost. Thereby I am giving only employment to myself and indirectly to the merchant who sells my product; in other words, it is only a one-man affair.

On the other hand, if I employ 25 men I will only make about 10 per cent on the cost of the article. This 10 per cent of increased production will more than equal the 75 per cent in the first instance. Now here is the whole thing in review:

In the second instance I am a capitalist on the 10 per cent income, but I am giving employment to many men at good wages. I am aiding them and also myself, but I am only making a small percentage of profit. In the first instance

I cannot give employment to any one, but am making a high percentage of profit.

Now we are at the point on which I desire information from the view point of labor. In the first instance I am not a capitalist strictly speaking, but in the second I am. But by being a capitalist, labor is arrayed against me, altho I am doing well by them. By not being a capitalist I win their favor and thereby deny employment to upwards of 25 men. Which is better and which shall I choose? Having a good income, I soon acquire surplus funds and am able to enlarge my output, incidentally employing possibly 100 men.

Nevertheless I am still a capitalist. How is labor to reconcile the idea of capitalism in this case and also relieve unemployment? Is there such a thing in its estimation as benevolent capitalism? Will it give me a fair profit on my idea? If I can do much to help them; if not, I will refuse to give my idea out, thereby denying worthy employment when it is so badly needed. Now I would welcome a few replies thru the columns of The Star.

INQUIRER.

It's Beyond Us, M. D.

Editor The Star:
Would you be so considerate as to publish in your paper the following facts, written by a man who has the welfare of Seattle and its people in his heart?

In performing the duties of my present position, I visit all of our well-known Seattle ships. Freighters and passenger ships alike are included.

In various departments of these ships are employed a large number of Orientals, mainly Japs, Chinese and natives of the Philippines. Why insist on having Japs or Chinese in our employ, when our soldiers are walking the streets, broke, hungry and looking for the next meal?

Yours for a better America!
M. D.

The Banker and Society

The letter of "Announcer" in Wednesday's Star, headed "Don't Bother the Banker," inspires me to add my further comment on the question of banking generally, and banking in Seattle in particular.

First, let me offer my congratulations to "Announcer" for his concise and extraordinarily clear and plain analogy descriptive of the functions of the banker and the results which must inevitably follow his present practices if persisted in. The functions of the banks and bankers are exactly those described by "Announcer"—the bank thru commercial credits supplies the link which connects the machinery of progress with the power that drives it and without which it is useless.

I did not happen to see the letter of "Conservative" of the 18th, to which "Announcer" refers, but I know there is no legitimate excuse for the banker's attitude. All attempts to exonerate him from his highly unpatriotic position are mere platitudes. He is throttling business and thereby bringing about and continuing the conditions that are so much deplored. It is the link which connects the "trust" funds placed in his hands for administration—the tools of trade placed with him as distributing agent for the benefit and accommodation of the entire community; and his failure to justly administer those funds—distribute them as he sees fit, in the absence of a violation of that trust. He is not a guardian of the people—he is, in theory, their servant and should be made to serve.

Adam Smith refers to money as the "instrument of commerce" and the "circulating capital of society" as distinguished from machinery, equipment, etc. which are the fixed capital of society. It is a well established principle of law that the laborer cannot be dispossessed of his tools—even to satisfy a debt. No more has the banker the right to withhold the "instruments of commerce" or the "circulating capital of society" from the society to which it belongs and which cannot exist without it.

There is one point I would like to emphasize, and that is there is positively no valid reason under the federal reserve system why the banks cannot facilitate business thru the extension of credit and the second class paper. The federal reserve bank has not, nor will it

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(Continued From Yesterday)
CHAPTER XXV

"Carrie's all right. She's finicky, but she'll get over it. But I wish she'd hurry up about it! What she can't understand is that a fellow like this has got to cut out the high-brow stuff, and not spend all his time going to concerts and shining his shoes. (Not but what he might be just as good at all these intellectual and art things as some other folks, if he had the time for 'em.) Dr. Will Kennicott was brooding in his office, during a free moment toward the end of the summer afternoon. He hunched down in his tilted desk-chair, undid a button of his shirt, glanced at the state news-

in the back of the Journal of the American Medical Association, dropped the magazine, leaned back with his right thumb hooked in the arm-hole of his vest and his left thumb stroking the back of his hair.

"By golly, she's taking an awful big chance, tho'. You'd expect her to learn by and by that I won't be a parlor lizard. She says we try to 'make her over.' Well, she's always trying to make me over, from a perfectly good M. D. into a damn poet with a socialist necktie! She'd have a fit if she knew how many women would be willing to cuddle up to Friend Will and comfort him, if he'd give 'em the chance! There's still a few dames that think the old man isn't so darn unattractive! I'm glad (Turn to Page 11, Column 1)

be used by concerns they know little or nothing about except by reputation and information given them second hand.

Another thing worth considering: When local bank depositors have all been converted to the policy of investing their money in bonds of foreign governments and the like—running into the billions of dollars—what will the banks do for average daily balances? What will become of industry and enterprise then? Are we entering upon an entirely new system of banking where the banks function only as bond dealers and investment brokers?

The proper functions of a bank are to lend to responsible customers that portion of circulating capital which such customers would otherwise be obliged to keep on hand to meet occasional demands, thus enabling the customer to employ the full amount of his capital in equipment, stock, etc. The banks of Seattle are not doing this—are not even approaching it.

Our subscriptions to "Community Chests" and the like (while laudable and necessary to meet the immediate urgency) are but tinkering with systems and will get us nowhere.

Unemployment, with its consequent suffering, will continue as long as the "engineer" keeps the steam throttled down, and until he opens it up and permits the wheels to turn again, we can look for no permanent improvement. A careful analysis of the present conditions leads the inquirer directly to the door of the banker. He has fooled us long enough but if he is to continue his selfish and cruel policy, let us understand that he is to blame. Instead of "passing the buck" to the federal reserve bank or placing the blame on some abstract theory, let him come to the surface and admit the coin or tell us why he is not responsible. An "Announcer" says, the banker is master of the situation. How long will he be permitted to keep us battered beneath the hatches while he walks the deck in security? Every man, woman and child in the city of Seattle is rightfully a participant in the "circulating capital of society" of this community and has a right to demand an accounting from those to whom its administration has been entrusted. Very truly yours,
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