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UNCLE SAM MUST

REDUCE EXPENSES

A cut of more than \$250,000,000 in the ordinary expenditures of the government this fiscal year is necessary if additional taxes are to be avoided. The house ways and means committee was informed by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. On present estimates, he said, the total government cost this year will be \$4,500,000,000, of which \$3,830,000,000 must come from taxation.

Even with the suggested reductions, Mr. Mellon said, the internal revenue yield for the year "could not safely be permitted to fall below \$3,270,000,000, the estimated yield under existing law."

The treasury secretary told the committee that actual expenditures for the first full month of this fiscal year indicated that unless there was extraordinary new effort to reduce expenditures the estimate which the treasury had presented might be regarded as conservative.

Phoenix, Aug. 11--The Arizona Corporation commission has filed a protest with the Interstate Commerce commission, charging that a recently published tariff on fresh fruits and vegetables between points in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah are unjust and discriminatory.

Under the new tariff Class C and 4th class rates are eliminated, and the large number of commodities which has been shipped under them will henceforth take "Western Classification rates," which are much higher.

Bisbee, Douglas and Phoenix will still enjoy the Class C rating by virtue of rulings by the interstate commerce commission, that a higher rate would be unreasonable, but all other points in the states named will be seriously affected on interstate shipments under the new classification. A hearing is demanded.

Phoenix, Aug. 11--Taxi cabs are no longer a luxury as far as Phoenix is concerned. C. Bounds, proprietor of "Red's Taxi" has filed an application with the corporation commission asking for permission to install a Ford sedan service at 25 cents a fare for any point inside the city limits. Two-bits fares for limited distances have been in vogue for some time but none have heretofore aimed to cover as much territory as the present applicant. There are reasonable assurances that the commission will grant the application.

TAX REDUCTIONS

Phoenix, Reductions totalling more than half a million dollars in state expenditures are planned by Governor Campbell in lieu of a special session. This was made known in a letter which the Governor has written to J. R. Norton, chairman of the tax reduction committee which urged that the state budget be decreased for this year by calling the legislators into session. The Governor says: "In my opinion the reductions which can be made at this time without materially affecting the welfare of the state are as follows: Reductions in departmental expenses, salaries and contingent expenses \$100,000; Reductions in 45 various funds and total elimination of 13 specific items, \$310,430; Return to general fund of three former appropriation \$95,000.

Petrifacado's Note Book

Off in the direction of the Zuni Oil well from where our special car is setting, there is an island that is entirely planted to onions. As seen from our observation platform their color reminds one very much of the first glimpse one gets of the emerald isle from the cyclone leek of a big liner, but of course the smell is different.

Our women folks are very busy these days canning Japan currants. While in Arizona we often heard of those currants, how hot they were and how they warned up the entire pacific coast, making that country semi-tropical. As regards their heat, this is very true, as our folks after skimming them off the water keep them on ice about 48 hours before they are cool enough to can. These currants also make delicious jelly, if prepared with equal parts jelly fish, which of course makes the currants jelly nicely.

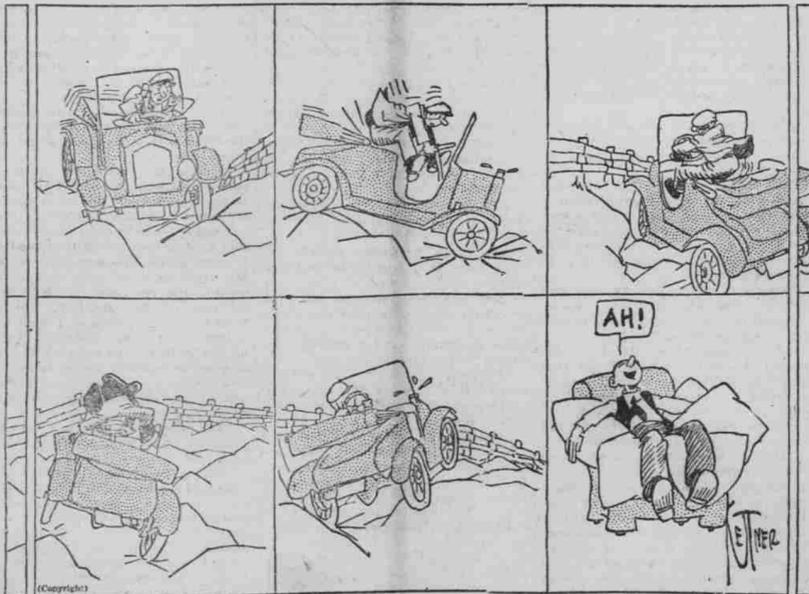
Mr. E. Smythe, one of California's most eminent prunesters, together with his wife, Mrs. Gwendoline Smythe, ourself and wife and some Californians future wife, all took a little jaunt in Mr. Symthe's car (never mind the make) to view the magnificent splendor of one of his justly celebrated pruneries. In viewing row upon row of this future boarding house fodder, we noticed there was not an insect, animal, snake or other living thing in or around the trees. We thought everything had its enemy, and so asked Mr. Smythe in regard to the absence of all kinds of animal or insect life in his prunery. He replied there was nothing on land or sea, in the air above or the water below that would eat a prune except a native Californian. We then asked Mr. Smythe if he liked prunes, whereupon he lifted his eyes in the general direction of Betel guese and repeated the following Ode to the prune.

"Oh prune, Oh prune, of darkened hue,
Next to my wife I sure love you.
I love your juice; I love your rine;
You are even better than Dago wine."
"When the evening's sun is setting low,
Then I love to watch the crimson glow
On your blushing cheek come and go,
As the soft wind swings you to and fro."

The editor of The Stockton Stinger in last week's issue is asking what has become of the bashful little tots of a few years ago, who, at the approach of a stranger, would run and hide behind their mother's skirts. We do not know the situation in Stockton, but here in Middle River there are no golden haired tots tall enough to even hide their face behind their mother's skirts, to say nothing of their whole body. And, although the aforesaid g. h. tots seem to be growing splendidly as far as we are able to discern, they are not gaining much on the hiding situation.

Any one who is interested in agriculture, especially the propagation and improvement of cereals and root crops by our fellow Californian, Luther Burbank, should visit Middle River and see a field of 624 acres of eyeless potatoes with no possible chance of the onions effecting the eyes of the potatoes, as Mr. Burbank has literally bred the eyes out of potatoes. I asked Mr. Hennessey, the owner of the field, what advantage it was to plant a row of onions in between the rows of potatoes. He replied that the onions gave the potatoes strength enough to stand the smell of the Hindus while being dug.

The End of a Perfect Day



STOPPING THE LEAKS

Chas. G. Dawes, named by Pres. Harding to arrange a national budget and see if he can stop a few financial leaks has started in to plug up one hole through which the taxpayers of this country have long watched their money flow. He is going to stop the printing of millions of dollars worth of useless government reports and pamphlets. Every taxpayer in America will be glad of this, for everyone realizes that a vast amount of money is wasted by the government printing office. In fact, it is conceded that of the seven or more carloads of printed matter leaving the office daily, not more than a sack full of it is read.

And another place where Dawes could save the government money and at the same time show a spirit of fairness to the printers and publishers of this country would be to eliminate the envelope-printing practice. The government has no more business printing return cards on envelopes than it has in manufacturing shoes or marketing its own make of automobile. Yet it has for years entered into unfair competition with the printers of this country by offering at a few cents more than the paper alone costs, envelopes printed with a return card. It is below the dignity of this nation to stoop to such competition as this, and we feel Holbrook taxpayers could do no fairer thing than to tell their congressmen so either by word or letter.

These envelopes are not only printed at a loss to the taxpayers but printers and publishers who pay taxes are deprived of that much trade. There is also a loss on various other government printed matter, much of which serves no better purpose than to furnish lamp-lighters or material for waste-baskets. We predict that Mr. Dawes will pay his salary several hundred times over in the saving he makes in the government printing office alone.

There is a lady in Holbrook who is a regular subscriber of the "NEWS," who after reading her copy sends it to her brother in Middle River, Calif, who after reading, sends it to another brother in the Hawaiian Islands, who after reading, sends it to a sister in the Phillipine Islands, who after a careful perusal, sends it to a brother, who is a missionary in China, who after reading proceeds to interpret it into Chinese for the benefit of his parishioners. Thus, you see one at all times should be very careful to write the exact truth for the NEWS.

W. O. Morgan

LORD NORTHCLIFFE BULLISH ON AMERICAN BUSINESS OUTLOOK

"I am amazed to find you American business men so nervous, so pessimistic. You certainly have far better reasons for feeling easy and confident than we British," says Lord Northcliffe, the greatest self-made man in the British Empire, who is now among us.

"Your bank reserves are colossal, much higher than ours. You have close to one-half of all the gold in the world, and it is still rolling in on you. Except for the fact that your bankers charge 'more' for the use of money than ours I see no legitimate reason why business should be slow in this country."

Northcliffe is dead right. There is no valid reason for our stagnancy. We have contracted the pessimistic habit, that's all. And we are merely slaves of a bad habit. With the highest grade, gilt edge securities of the nation paying the highest returns on record—securities that can be snapped up now at bargain figures—the man who does not take advantage of the present moment only stands in his own way. Those who delay will wish they hadn't.

The Limelight

Question. "What is your name?"

Answer. "Arthur Schuster."

"Where were you born?"

"St. Johns, Ariz."

"What is your age?"

"Twenty-seven."

"What is your business?"

"General Merchandise."

"What is the extent of your education?"

"High School."

"Married or single?"

"Married."

"Why?"

"I thought it was a good thing."

"What was your boyhood ambition?"

"To be a locomotive engineer."

"What do you think of life?"

"Very Good."

"How is business?"

"On the upgrade."

R. C. Smith is visiting in Holbrook with relations and friends.

Profane expression. Do not think you are profane when you say that you "don't care a dam." The truth is that a dam was the smallest Hindu coin at a time when the English were invading India, and the expression that one "didn't give a dam" naturally sprang up to mean that a matter was of next to no importance.

JUNE ROLLS UP HUGE OIL STOCKS

Decreased production and increased consumption did not prevent a June increase in petroleum stocks of more than 7,000,000 barrels. During the same month 10,205,000 barrels were imported, registering an increase of more than 1,000,000 barrels, while exports of crude oil decreased 279,000 barrels or about half of the month's total. More than 38,000,000 barrels of petroleum were added to stocks during the first half of the present year, whereas for the same period last year 868,000 barrels were withdrawn from storage so it looks as though the producers were getting ready to meet the re-awakened demand of the country.

THE SAB-CAT'S YOWL

Having reduced Russia to chaos and her people utter demoralization, Trotsky, of the Lenin-Trotsky team of international yeggmen, delivers this whine: "Europe will not come to our aid. Europe hates us. It would much rather see our peasants starve than give us bread. There is only one thing left for us to do—take forcibly what Europe will not give us voluntarily." What a plaint to come from a man who, with Lenin, has brought famine and plague to what is naturally the most resourceful and healthiest country on earth. It sounds like an I. W. W. apology for existence, and it is one.

"I believe the government should take as little from the people for the conduct of the government as possible," says Martin B. Madden, recently elected chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. Which makes us doubly glad Mr. Madden was chosen to that position.

Germany owes the United States \$240,744,511 on account of the American Army of Occupation that, under the terms of the armistice, it is obliged to maintain. This is a little matter that must not be overlooked when final settlement is made with that country and the accounts of the Alien Property Custodian are closed.

They've built monuments in this country for almost every benefactor except the woman who first cooked corn and beans together.

BASE BALL

Fine weather, a fast field, a double header, and a large crowd—these make for an enjoyable afternoon of pastime.

Manager Koury of the Holbrook Browns and manager Lee of the Winslow South Side team joined forces and gave Holbrook fans a fine afternoon of base ball.

The first game scheduled was between the H. B.'s and the Winslow South Side team. This game was begun a little after 1 p. m., with a good crowd in attendance. Naunez on the mound for the H. B.'s pitched a very creditable game and should have won. The fourth inning was the star inning for the H. B.'s, they pounded Ruiz, on the mound for Winslow to the tune of six runs, after having made one run in the initial frame. The slaughter in the fourth was Ruiz's undoing as Rubi replaced him in the fifth. Neither of these boys could hardly take Baca's place.

In the fifth and sixth innings Winslow forged ahead making eight runs, three in the fifth and five in the sixth. Rubi in center field made a brilliant catch in the fourth frame.

"Twas a good game, although it didn't go but six innings. Threatened rain cut the first game short.

	R	H	E
Browns	100	601	8 9 11
South S.	100	053	9 6 3

Batteries: Ruiz, Rubi and Torres; Naunez and J. Silas. Umpires: Swatzel and Herod. Time 1:30.

The second game was a little slow in starting, owing to field practice of the two teams. By the time the second game was well launched a big crowd was in attendance.

Holbrook won the toss and took the field.

Ted's opening offering was a slow, easy one which was leaned on for three sacks. After that Ted tightened and to the end of the game was in no danger. His team mates almost without exception backed him with air tight fielding and put up a fine exhibition of hitting to boot. Crumley starred at the bat for long distance hits, while Gaumnitz, Reuter and Lowery did some daring base running. Franklin in the short time he played center, played excellent ball. As a whole the team starred which is very gratifying. The umpiring was uniformly good.

Gallup would perhaps show up better if they played together often. It was plain to be seen that they were not all accustomed to playing together. Chief, pitcher, was a little light for the job he was called upon to perform. The Gallup boys are a gentlemanly bunch and another game with them would not be amiss.

	R	H	E
The Score	104	010	24x 12 7 2

Gallup:
101 000 000 2 7 13

Batteries: Reuter and Buckles; Chief and Walker. Struck out by Reuter 5, by Chief 9. Umpires: Freeman and Aldrich. Time 2:00.

A Holbrook doctor told us we should advise our readers to have only pleasant thoughts while eating. How can they when some of them know the price they had to pay for the food.

GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS

UNDER ARREST

Sheriff Mester, of Sangamon County, Illinois, entered the office of Gov. Len Small of Illinois, at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday August 9th., with the avowed purpose of placing the governor under arrest for embezzlement which offense he is alleged to have committed during his term as state treasurer. The governor agreed to permit the Sheriff to arrest him at 5:00 p. m.

TAKING HIS MEDICINE

If every class of men in this country had been hit as hard during the past twelve months as the farmers we would have had a panic without equal in the nation's history. For when it comes to standing up and "taking the gaff" the American farmer is in a class by himself.

And still there are in Holbrook, people who think that the frequent reference to the stability of the farmer comes from those who only seek to win favors from him. Yet they must admit, if they will consider prices and conditions in this country, that if there is a set of men capable of coming up smiling in the face of hard luck, the farmers compose that set. They have taken their losses in order to produce more to fight their way out.

It is not surprising when a calf brings 6 cents on the farm and 60 cents on the restaurant table that the farmer is taking steps to see what can be done toward improving the marketing of the things he raises; to try to reduce the wide gap between himself and the ultimate consumer of his products. No other business man can point to as wide a margin between that which he turns out at his factory and the price the consumer has to pay for it. That's why we say the American farmer, in refusing to quit and let the country starve to death, is setting an example which other American citizens might find well worthy of emulation.

1920 A RECORD OIL EARNER

Last year was the banner earning period for the oil companies. Eight representative concerns reported \$218,658,021 total net working capital at close of 1920 as against only \$68,069,277 in 1914, or an increase of \$150,588,744. This is more than 240 per cent gained in the six years period, states Sugarman's Indicator.

During this time each of the eight oil concerns added largely to their shares value by putting back earnings into the property. The following table shows the remarkable increase scored by the companies referred to:

	Working Capital	
	1914	1920
Tex. Co.	\$25,100,855	\$117,033,906
S. O. of Cal	24,583,834	47,927,525
Pure Oil	1,528,637	15,598,900
Tide w. Oil	2,773,709	12,637,039
Mex. Pet.	3,662,456	9,898,463
Ass. Oil	5,887,828	6,953,228
S. O. of Ken.	3,113,539	6,374,666
Cal. Pet.	1,408,419	1,634,844

Batting Averages

	AB	H	Ave
Gaumnitz	38	11	.289
Buckles	37	9	.243
Caop	27	18	.481
Reuter	64	28	.437
Thompson	26	7	.269
Crumley	63	27	.397
Engle	60	15	.250
Lowery	37	12	.324
Barton	16	4	.250
Franklin	14	8	.577
Osborne	44	14	.319
Osborne	3	2	.666
Team Average			.343