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REDUCTION of TAXATION

WILL NOT CURTAIL FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

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IN the current discussion of the proposals which Secretary of the Treasury Mellon makes for a reduction in the general burden of taxation, it is important that the real choice which the people have to make should be kept constantly in mind. There is no great difficulty in doing this, but, as in all discussions which are approachable from many points of view, there is a danger that attention will be directed to subsidiary matters rather than to the idea which is central to the whole proposition

The essential propostion will be more clearly defined if the assumptions upon which Mr. Mellon's suggquestions are based are clearly understood. The first of these is that present methods of efficiency and economy in the management of the Government's business shall continue. There must be no return to slipshod, wasteful methods in administering the ordinary operations of the Government. In concluding that there will be a surplus of receipts over expenditures during the next few years Mr. Mellon and his assistants have taken it for granted that there will be some increase in Government activities. They do not propose to say that henceforth from this particular moment our Government shall cease to have its natural growth as an institution whose purpose is to serve the people. They have allowed for such growth in their calculations, but have doubtless figured that the cost of this growth will be less than in the past by reason of the constant application of better business methods. The question therefore which is to be dealt with respect to the disposal of the surplus does not affect the natural expansion of Government activities. The proposed reduction of $332,000,000 in taxes can be made without curtailing present activities or refusing to undertake new ones which are really essential.

Another assumption is that there shall continue to be included in the estimated expenditures for each year an amount sufficient to insure an appreciable annual reduction in the total of proposed reductions can be made despite the fact that $500,000,000 or more will be applied each year to the liquidation of this indebtedness to the American people. Our people are not asked to forego payment of interest on the bonds and notes which they hold in order that their tax bills may be reduced. They are to continue to receive Government payments while contributing less to the support of that Government. Not only that, but sinking fund charges and other allotments of receipts are to reduce the principal of the public debt.

Assured then of continued efficient service from the Government and of regular payment of interest, along with actual reduction of the debt total, the choice of the people lies entirely between a reduction of taxation and an extraordinary increase in the costs of Government. The question is simply whether we will have a number of new things done for us by the Government which are not impossibly necessary, or whether we prefer a substantial reduction in that part of our incomes which we now have to pay to the revenue collector.

POULTRY

Comfortable Fowl Must Be Free From Insects

To be comfortable, a hen must be free from mites and lice; she must have plenty of fresh air and water, a well-ventilated house without drafts, and a balanced ration. If the weather turns cold and the house is drafty, the hen will need more food for maintenance, and will draw on what would otherwise have been used for the egg supply.

Records from the sixth egg-laying contest at Mountain Grove, Mo., furnished the following data as to the amount of food required by hens for maintenance and for egg production:

"The indications are that the hen uses three-fourths of the feed to supply her body and one-fourth to make eggs, and from each one-fourth of feed above maintenance, she makes two eggs which weigh one-fourth of a pound, thus producing a pound of eggs for each pound of feed above maintenance. Data showed that the average hen weighed five pounds, consumed 75 pounds of feed and laid 150 eggs.

"The hens had feed before them at all times, and as the average hen consumed 75 pounds of feed, which is 1,200 ounces, it will be seen that the hen's digestive capacity is 100 ounces per month and that she averaged 74 ounces for her body and from the other 25 ounces she made 12½ eggs, that weighed 25 ounces.

"Although we believe the hen's digestive capacity is about the same at all times, yet she does not produce the same number of eggs each month, which is accounted for by the proportion of feed required for her body at different times. If the weather is pleasant and other conditions right, the hen may use only 50 ounces of feed for her body at different times and make 25 eggs from the other 50 ounces of feed, but if the weather turns cold and her house is not what it should be, so that 90 ounces of feed are required for her body, she can only make five eggs from the other ten ounces, and if the weather changes suddenly so that 110 ounces of feed are needed to support her body, she can and does arrest the eggs which are partly developed, turns the egg material back into her own system and uses it as feed, which explains why hens stop laying on short notice following a sudden change in the weather."

Remove Down From Goose by Using Powdered Rosin

Perhaps you know of several good ways to skin a rabbit, but do you know of one good way to "down" a goose? If you have had some experience in preparing one of these birds for the table or the market and are still not in a class with the experts, doubtless you have had considerable trouble in removing the down from the skin after the feathers have been removed. Nearly everybody has the same trouble.

However, the problem of removing this persistent down can be solved with ease if you have a little powdered rosin on hand. Sprinkle the picked goose lightly and evenly with the fine rosin and then dip the bird in hot water. The heat melts the rosin which merges with the down. When the temperature has gone down it is an easy matter to rub off the rosin and the down together. This method does a clean job and the rosin has no effect on the flavor of the goose.

Question of Feeding in Winter to Produce Eggs

There is no reason why the fellow who keeps chickens should expect them to hibernate for the winter. Many farm flocks produce reasonably well during spring and summer when they have the freedom that nature affords. Handled properly, these flocks could be made to yield a profit all through the year. A flock properly culled, comfortably housed and adequately fed will lay through the winter as well as summer.

The question of feeding hens during winter in order to get eggs becomes quite largely a matter of sensible feeding. It is the surplus feed, that not needed to keep up the bodily functions, which is used in egg production.

Sanitary Fountain Must Be Opened and Cleaned

Sanitary fountains are not sanitary because that name is printed on the side. They must be opened up and cleaned occasionally with boiling water. The fact that the sunlight and air cannot easily reach the inside of some sanitary fountains is an additional reason for giving them a thorough scrubbing.

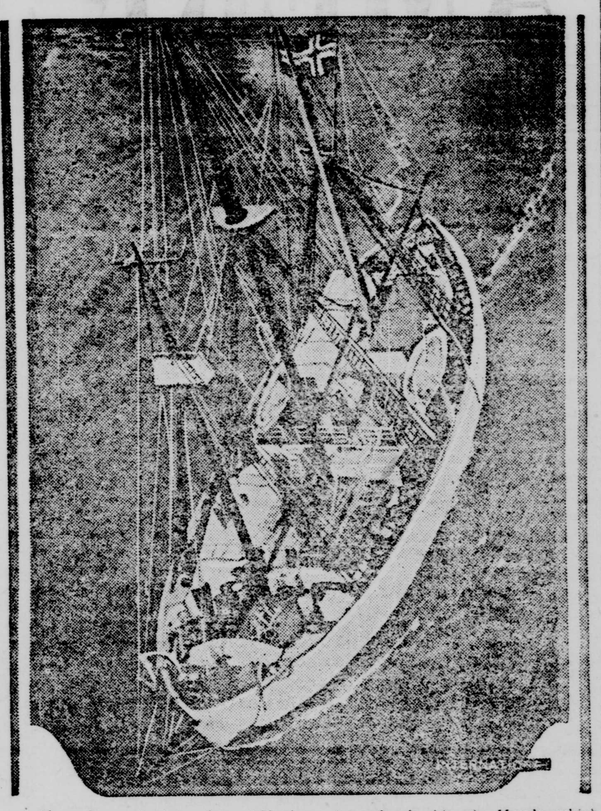
Yards Not Necessary.

It is not absolutely necessary to have yards for the backyard laying flock, if it is not convenient to do so. The birds can be put into their house and kept confined until next spring if necessary. With proper management, excellent production can be secured where this plan is followed.

Best Laying Pullets.

Pullets that commence laying early are considered better layers than those that mature late, hence the statement, "Keep the early spring pullets."

Maud Is Safe and Drifting to Pole



Above is an airplane view of Explorer Amundsen's ship, the Maude, which he has reported safe and now drifting in an ice pack toward the pole. The first report of her safety was received at Spitzbergen.

Has Anyone Laughed At You Because—

By ETHEL R. PEYSER

You Are "Set" in Your Opinions?

Being "set" in your opinion means usually that you have some opinion. Those that laugh at you laugh because you don't think with them, so they therefore think you are obstinate. No doubt you think a while before having an opinion—of course you should—and no doubt you can be changed in your opinion if you are convinced. But, of course, changing one's opinion too often makes you a wobbler—and if you were, another set of laughers would begin another warble.

SO

Your get-away here is:

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'Tis Something to to Have Lived

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

'TIS something to have lived a minute.
However long the after-years,
An instant with an aeon in it,
Too glad for smiles, too sad for tears.
For in that instant heaven nears,
For in that moment God has found us—
Earth nevermore but earth appears,
Whatever shadows gather 'round us.

'Tis something to have lived a little,
One little hour, however small;
However brief, however brittle,
However soon our castles fall,
Oh, it is something to recall—
To sound the depths, to walk Parnassus,
In one short hour to live it all,
Though love may fail us, fortune pass us.

'Tis something to have lived completely,
If only for a moment's span,
Have lived a moment madly, sweetly,
Have lived the floodtide while we can.
Whatever skies we ever scan,
Whatever books we ever conned us,
It is the hour God whispers man
That there is something yet beyond us.

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She'll Outgrow It.

Little Girl (in secretive manner)—I know something, but I'm not going to tell it.

Uncle (woman hater)—Yes, yes, my girl, you'll get over that when you become older.



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