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TAXATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Advocates of the present high surtax claim that if rich men could be prevented from investing their money in tax exempt securities there would be no reason for reducing the high surtax, the payment of which they now escape by the tax-exempt bond route.

If the government had had a heavy surtax on high incomes it is doubtful if Henry Ford would ever have built up the large plant he did, because he built it up out of his surplus earnings, for in the crucial stages he needed every cent of his surplus to make it go. On a much smaller scale this is true in every business.

If during the period when the average established business made its largest growth government taxes—state and national—had been at their present figures which take from 25 to 50 per cent. of the larger incomes through surtaxes, there would never have been enough savings or reserves built up to make profitable employment for millions of people in this country today.

Money, which is taken by the government for taxes does not go back into productive enterprise. The high surtax is a scheme whereby you take the money from men who have demonstrated that they have the ability to use money for productive purposes and give it to the government which does not put it into productive use.

As for providing industrial prosperity and jobs for people, the least wise course we can follow is to take all the money from those who are accustomed to using it in profitable enterprises. Those accumulations of fortunes are the reservoirs from which new industries and new projects start.

The fear of the effect of swollen fortunes is groundless because as soon as a man begins to use any part of his income for anything but productive purposes he loses it. It is always harder to keep money than to make it. It is the history of large fortunes that as long as they are in the hands of competent people who use the money in the development of the country, thus furnishing employment for other people, they hold the money. As soon as they fail to do this or the money descends to less competent hands, it begins to diminish.

THE SAFEGUARD OF BUSINESS

An article recently published in the Co-Operator and Merchandiser of Indianapolis points out that a retail merchant in order to protect his business against daily hazards is covered by thirty-two kinds of insurance. Modern insurance companies have reduced underwriting to practically a scientific basis, and while the general public overlooks the fact, insurance is the basis of credit for practically all business activity today. Hardly a wheel would turn or a loan be made, unless property involved was covered by insurance.

According to National Retail Dry Goods Association, the following 32 kinds of insurance have a direct bearing on safe and successful operation of business for average retailer—

Fire, building, fixtures and stock; rent; use and occupancy, net profits; use and occupancy, boiler explosion; use and occupancy, elevator stoppage; profits; tornado; marine; explosion; hail; water damage; sprinkler leakage; riot; leasehold interest; steam boiler; plate glass; parcel post; automobile fire; automobile liability; auto property damage; teams property damage; general liability; elevator liability; safe burglary; merchandise burglary; office robbery; messenger robbery; check alteration; fur storage theft; fidelity bonds; compensation; transit.

Insurance companies through the medium of rating bureaus and other organizations tending to eliminate fire hazard have been able to reduce fire underwriting to a scientific basis with resulting reduced rates and many advantages to the insured.

NO MYSTERY ABOUT IT

The term "superpower" seems to confuse many people as to its meaning. Superpower is nothing new, nor is it anything mysterious. It is simply a term that has been applied to the long-distance transmission of electric energy through the connection of power facilities in adjoining communities or adjoining states. In other words, by the solution of problems which were involved in the transmission of electricity over long distances it has been possible for power plants in various sections of the country so to connect their transmission lines that the output from one state can be drawn upon by the lines in another state when necessity requires, either through a breakdown in local facilities or by demand for unusual amounts of power to meet unexpected emergencies.

Thus by coupling up the power plant facilities of various sections so that energy developed at one point can be used at another point, reservoirs of power have been created by utilities thus utilizing to fullest degree existing power facilities of the country.

Such power connections virtually eliminate the possibility of power shortage in any community due to temporary breakdown of equipment or damage caused by floods, fires or other disasters. Superpower is simply an enlargement of service such as the modern utility is constantly striving to render.

MARYLAND WEEKLY INDUSTRIA REVIEW

Brandywine—New addition to local power plant to be built at cost of $40,000.

Millington—Much building activity in progress.

Ladiesburg—New road to be built to Haugh's church.

Salisbury—Construction of new water plant and sewer system in this city proposed.

Whaleyville—Local mill of Jackson Brothers company produced over 35,000,000 feet of lumber durnig 1923.

Reliance—Line road leading to Darby's bridge to be resurfaced.

Baltimore—Superior Ice Cream company purchases plant of Fleischmann company for $155,000.

Love Point—Construction of new boulevard leading to Denten Ferry under consideration, would cost $1,250,000.

Baltimore—Now 30-inch water main being laid in Eager street, between Broadway and Washington streets to connect with East Baltimore mains.

Frederick—Blue Ridge League plans development of six-acre tract on out-skirts of city at cost of $20,000.

Baltimore—Gaither building sells for $500,000.

Havre de Grace—Banking and Trust Company purchases building on Franklin and St. Johns streets, to reconstruct for own use.

Baltimore—Gynn's Falls parkway to be improved.

Havre de Grace—New transmission line being built by Eastern Power Company by way of Quarryville and Kirkwood to this city.

Sikh Troops Ready on the Indo-Afghan Border



Considerable forces of British troops are being held on the Indo-Afghan frontier ready to rush to the rescue of the European legations in Afghanistan if necessary. These are members of the Fifty-fourth Sikh regiment on the border.

NEW MILK REGULATIONS MAY 31ST

After May 31 there will be new regulations in force governing the production of milk in the Philadelphia Milk Shed. It is expected that these will have a far reaching effect in improving the quality of milk offered for sale in the Philadelphia district. Cleanliness in production and quality in the product are the aims of the new regulations.

The regulations were adopted at the annual meeting of the Inter-State Milk Producers, Association in December. They provide for improvements in dairy barns with special reference to the ceiling, floors and the cleanliness of the barns. Another section of the resolution requires every farmer to have a milk house. A suitable milk house is recognized as a necessity on every dairy farm. There is a futher provision for the cleaning of the animals before each milking and for the cooling and handling of milk. For the sake of cleanliness, as well as to prevent loss from spilling and splashing, a small top milk pail is required.

The Quanty Control Department of the Philadelphia Inter State Dairy Council, which has already done so much toward improving the quanty of milk offered for sale in the Philadelphia Milk Shed, will enforce the regulations.

Before any milk can be sold under the new regulations, a permit is required by each producer who sells his milk to a dealer cooperating with the Inter State Milk Producers' Association and the Philadelphia Inter State Dairy Council. Applications for permits have been sent out to all dairy farmers. Permits will be sent those who reply to the applications in full. Temporary permits will be granted until the farm has been inspected by representatives of the Dariy council. After that a permanent permit will be required.

Dairy farmers will have until May 31st, which is ample time to make the necessary inprovements to meet the the new regulations.

Dr. Wilmer Krusen of the Board of Health, Philadelphia, where 500,000 quarts of milk are sold every day, when told of the plan of the Inter State Milk Producers' Association, stated that this would do much toward improving the milk supply. He said the cleaning up must be at the source, the dairy farm. Dr. Clyde L. King, secretary of the Commonwealth says, "The adoption of sanitary regulations will do much toward improving the markets for milk in the Philadelphia Milk Shed, and should be of great benefit to the dairy producer."

The dairy farmers who have the interests of the industry at heart will earnestly cooperate in meeting the regulations in every detail.

MRS. EMILY JOHNSON

Mrs. Emliy Johnson, widow of the late Caleb T. Johnson, died, Wednesday, February 20th, at the home of her son, George W. Johnson, of Federalsburg, at the age of 84 years. Before her marriage she was Miss Emily Voss, of the Burrsville section.

Until recently she had always made her home near Concord and was a member of the Concord church.

She leaves to mourne her loss three sons and one daughter, Hickman Johnson, Greenwood, Del.; George W. Johnson, and Emmitt Johnson, who is in the West; and Mrs. Dora VanDyke, of Wilmington.

Funeral services were held at the home of her son in Federalsburg and burial at Concord church yard, the Rev. Mr. McDorman, of Federalsburg, officiating.

Mrs. Crandall (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses

"Last spring, rats killed all our baby chicks. Wish I'd known about Rat-Snap before. With just one large package we killed swarms of rats. They won't get this year's hatches, I'll bet." Rat-Snap is guaranteed and sells for 35c, 65c, $1.25.

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RIDGELY

The dollar social held on Washington's birthday proved to be a most delightful social event, as well as a successful financial affair. About $305 were added to the treasury to be used for the new church building. Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Saulsbury, who are in Pasadena, Cal., sent a check for $250, and $55 were given by members of the Aid. With each dollar donated a verse was recited, telling how the money was earned. The entertainment consisted of songs and reading appropriate to the occasion. Henrietta Swan nad Kent Temple represented Martha and George Washington, and little Margaret Saulsbury and Billy Carlisle, were also in costume. The Davis home was decorated with flags and the notorious cherry tree was in evidence.

Lieut. and Mrs. Merwyn Seward, of Aberdeen, spent the week end at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mr. Frank Seward.

The regular meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society will be held this (Thursday) evening at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lynch.

Mrs. Hannaberry, of Easton, Pa., has purchased the former J. M. Haymaker homestead, the consideration being $1600.

Mrs. William Marvel and little daughter have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Saunders, Goldsboro.

Mr. Lee Bennington, who has been working in an American store in Chester, has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Alice Bennington. He has been transferred to one of the stores of this class in Denton, where he will be employed for the future.

Mrs. T. W. Jones entertained a few friends at cards on Wednesday evening of last week.

Miss Beatrice Bowers entertained the Willing Workers sewing circle on Wednesday evening of last week.

Miss Mattie Potts, wife of Marion E. Potts, died at her home near Ridgely Wednesday of last week, aged 50 years. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Her husband and five children survive.

Mr. Albert Saulsbury has accepted a position in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Fleming, of Goldsborough, were recently entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ryron Fleming.

Mrs. J. J. Ivison has resigned as assistant librarian and Miss Viola Jones has been appointed for the position.

Russell Swann, of Philadelphia, and Miss Mildred Swann, of Baltimore, were at the home of their mother, Mrs. Gilbert Swann, for the week end.

Mrs. Joseph Carroll is chairman of a committee who are arranging some money making event to be held this month. The Ladies Aid has decided to appoint a committee for each month to devise some way of making money to help defray the expenses of the new church house.

Mrs. George Dutton and son of Newark, Del., have been spending a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith.

Mr. Frank Long and family have been spending a few days with relatives in Selbyville.

Mr. George Wooters, of Chester, has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wooters.

Mrs. Alice Meredith, of Easton, has been spending some time at the home of her son, Mr. M. C. Meredith.

Messrs. William Kinnamon, George Camper and Ben Eckenoff, all of Easton, were entertained recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Porter.

Mrs. Annie Hevalon is recovering from severe bruises sustained by a fall.

Mrs. W. L. Porter lately entertained a party of young folks in honor of the birthday anniversary of her daughter, Mary Emma.

Mrs. Samuel Bear has returned from a visit with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr .and Mrs. Edward Lapham and little daughter, of Goldsboro, were recent guests of Mrs. Lapham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seward.

Mr. MacDonald Laird has been spending a week in Chester.

Mrs. William Lynch and Mrs. D. C. Lynch were rceent Easton visitors.

Misses Bertie Sparks and Mary Detwiler have been spending a few days in Baltimore.

Mrs. Ernest Buckle has been visiting near Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradley, who have been spending three weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Harry Klotz, have returned to their home in Pleasantville, N. J.

Miss Dorothy Beaumont has been spending a few days in Baltimore.

Miss Virginia Kayes has been spending some time with her sister, Miss Nettie Rowens, Easton.

Mrs. Harold Fountain and little son of Bridgeville, Del., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jackson.

Mr. Walter Bennington and family, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Truitt Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hemmons and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson made a motor trip to Wilmington recently and were entertained at the home of Mrs. Hemmons' sister, Mrs. Tolson.

Mrs. Ann Wilson and children, of Chester, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Price.

Mr. Alexander Dawson, of Phila., has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Koeneman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Turbitt, of Philadelphia, have been visiting the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Selby Smith.

PRESTON

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hollis spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albaugh in Cambridge.

Miss Lucretia Smith, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Merritt Parker.

Mr. H. A. Kinhart attended a tri-county meeting of principals in Centreville last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bowling, of Washington, Mr. William Wrightson, of Baltimore, and his fiancee, Miss Eader Belle Runkles of Mount Airy, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Wrightson.

Mr. Noble Kelley, of Baltimore, spent last week end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome R. Cox and Miss Lillian Cox, of Washington, have been spending several days with their mother, Mrs. J. A. Cox.

Mr. Ronald Turner, of Baltimore, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner.

Miss Dorothy Wright has returned home after spending several days with friends in Annapolis.

Mrs. Fletcher Sisk spent several days last week in Easton and Baltimore.

Miss Mary Wright and Mr. Martin M. Wright, Jr., of Easton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Wright.

Mr. Edward Lane of Baltimore visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lane over the week end.

Mr. David W. Silvey, of Salisbury, spent the week end with Mrs. Silvey at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright.

Epiphany Mission Guild held a very successful benefit bridge and "500" party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. M. Hollis.

"The Country Doctor", a comedy in four acts, will be given by the Junior class of Preston high school in Preston Town hall, Friday, February 29th at 8:00 p. m.

THAT FEED POOL

Open Letter to Eastern States Farmers' Exchange

Reports continue to reach us about the grain pool, some statements which we decidedly discount and others which appear to be within the line of possibility. For one thing there is evidence available, indicating that standard feeds (high priced and high grade rations) sell for less money back in the country than your 24 percent ration, One party the other day offered the names of 100 localities where such evidence could be secured.

On this matter of prices, all must recognize the tendency in the market which is downward, and we are advised that some dealers have cars of standard feeds yet to arrive, for which they contracted at $48 and $47.50. The same informant states that your bullish tendency in the market has resulted in losing to feeders east of the Mississippi, more millions of dollars this year than you will be able to save them in years to come. The argument is that you were all right so long as you were on a 25,000 or 30,000 ton basis, but the minute you had a big poole which insisted on buying in large quantities, it was inevitable that prices should stiffen. This surely appears logical.

We are also told that American Milling Company made upwards of $80,000 off the co-ops in bags alone for this present deal. Still further that your pool was a little slow in closing, or at least the American Milling interests could see which way the cat was jumping before you actually gave orders to close various deals for ingredients. They contracted in advance through jobbers, and then unloaded on you at an average profit to them of $3 a ton. This of course, was legitimate so far as they are concerned, being a gamble perhaps, but hardly could it be termed sharp practice. These and other items are mentioned as why the American Milling Company was able to declare such a tremendous dividend the other day.

Another point goes into the matter of the experiment station analyses in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. These, of course, are public property and unbiasd, and the Massachusetts station is quoted as finding 22.77 percent protein in your guaranteed 24 percent ration. The New Hampshire station found 22.9 percent protein. The fat in both these station was likewise a little off. Incidentally, we understand the Pennsylvania chemist reported on the G. L. F. tion that instead of being 24 percent protein as guaranteed, there was found but 19.69 percent, and whereas the fibre was only to be 9 percent, it actually was 11.26 percent.

Now, what do you make of all this? There seems to be a lot of smoke, but whether there is to be any fire or not is that the leader of a local farmers' exchange not far from Portland, Me, alleges that your representative tried to sell your best ration at $50.50 a ton. Farmers want to do the right thing and buy feeds as economically as possible. They are loyal to your organization but these reports and rumors are disquieting. Let us have the truth whatever it is.

Lent and Easter come rather late this year. The former begins March 5 and the latter falls on April 20.

There was a man in our town,
And he was wondrous wise,
He could unscramble scrambled eggs,
And uncuss custard pies,
He could unbutton butter too,
And yet with all his skill,
There was one thing he could not do,
Unpay a paid gas bill.

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Cecil—Did you ever take ether?

Dutchy—No, what period does it come?

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DR. WHISLER
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Bad
EYESIGHT
Causes
Many
ACCIDENTS

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Good eyesight often determines one's success or failure. An inconspicuous pair of glasses will stop the drain of nervous energy that comes from eyestrain.

Good vision is a prime essential to success. There is only one sure way to discover your own bad eyesight. Have your eyes examined today.

F. J. WRIGHT

Optometrist

Denton Maryland

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