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Santa Claus Unmasked

Current plans now call for raising $1,000,000,000 or more per year through new taxes and increases in existing taxes. And this is but a start—we can't build and maintain a twenty or thirty billion dollar military defense establishment on deficits.

The next inescapable step will be to assess direct taxes against a larger proportion of our population. That has already been done to a minor extent, through reductions in Federal income tax exemptions approved by the last Congress. The new Congress will have to go to much greater lengths in this direction to raise needed revenue.

The old theory that we can support the government, no matter how costly it is, by the easy expedient of soaking the rich, is at last exposed. The rich—and this goes for industries, no less than for individuals—have about reached the limit of their ability to pay, without bringing business to a standstill. New revenue, in large amounts, can be raised now only by going after those whose incomes fall in the middle and lower brackets.

This will give millions of people their first real and personal knowledge of the stake they have in government spending and government debts. It will show them who, in the long run, Santa Claus is, and why thrift in government debts. It will show them who, in the long run, Santa Claus is, and why thrift in government is as indispensable as thrift in the home. Indirect taxation, no matter how heavy, is hidden from and unknown to a majority of the people. It is direct taxation that hurts. When you a get a statement from the Bureau of Internal Revenue telling you to remit five or ten or fifty dollars you begin to understand that your interest in the cost of government is just as real as your interest in the cost of groceries or rent or clothes.

We are to have taxation on a scale we never dreamed of. The shock will be good for us. We will take a new interest in "our" government as we learn that we are Santa Claus.

Lincoln's Opportunities

Young people who say they have no chance in life should read the life of Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is celebrated on February 12. Little "Abe" did not probably have over a year of schooling. MostAmerican boys and girls have far better school chances than that now.

A school that would be called poor in these times, with inadequipment and a teacher with insufficient education, would probably be a good school compared with the average run of country schools in Lincoln's early youth.

If a boy can raise to exaltheight and become President of the United States after such poor chances few boys or girls today can say the doors of opportunity are closed to them.

The fact that a youth has opportunities does not prove they will do him any good. Opportunity has to be utilized. Lincoln had very few opportunities, but he made use of all he had. The few good books in his father's home he read and re-read. Then he borrowed what he could from neighbors. He read real books, that made him think and gave him valuable informafion. They were books like the Bible and Shakespeare and the history of the United States and the Life of Washington.

Not Too Hot Not Too Cold

By JOHN EMBERT

Will Sunday Closing Help?

I am not a Wet.

I am not a Dry.

I am not primarily interested in whether this community is Wet or Dry?

All I am interested in is that this community be a good place in which to live—in which to make a living—and in which to raise a family, under conditions which are as pleasant as possible in this day and age.

And I think the great majority of my fellow citizens right here in this neighborhood feel the same way about it.

Many people talk about Wets and Drys. I agree that there are Wets and Drys, and the Wets will always stay Wet and the Drys will always stay Dry.

But what really counts is not the Wet vote nor the Dry vote, but the great mass of people who would just as soon be Wet or Dry, as long as they have the kind of a community in which to live.

We are now confronted with a bill in Annapolis which is designed to make this State legally dry on Sundays, and the outcome of the passing of such a bill is something which we should consider—not as Drys—not as Wets—but as citizens interested in a good community.

We gave whole-hearted interested to the great experiment of prohition which was carried on over a period of many years. Without going into detail or recounting history, we all know that the results were so disappointing, so vicious, so all-around disastrous that the great mass of American people repudiated prohibition and repeal the eighteen amendment because they had enough of it.

Now, for some seven years we have been taking the long and hard road back to creating as nearly as possible sane and normal conditions in this country and I feel we have made progress

Law and order have come back into authority to replace lawlessness and disorder. Now we are asked to take back these old prohibition days on the installment plan The idea is, as I see it, while Prohibition seven days in the week was no doubt a bad thing, one-seventh of the week or one day will find prohibition a good thing.

Now, let's stop to consider this a minute. If prohibition is good all the time, we should have it all the time. If prohibition is not good all the time, we should not have it all the time nor part of the time. You might as well say that while it is wrong to murder a man, it might be pretty fine just to cut his ears off

In this connection, let's look upon this fact. There are professional drys who will always work to give us prohibition all or in part. It is their method of making a living for themselves.

Aside from the professional drys whom we recognize by the shape of their hats and the umbrellas they carry around with them, let's keep well in mind that the most professional dry these days is the man who stands in the background but puts up the most money, because he will profit most, namely, our old friend, the bootlegger, still hoping.

Of course, there are people who will say, "Well, let's give Sunday closing a chance!"

Of course, there are some people who can profit only by bitter experience. There are others who can profit by seeing what going on nearby. In 1937 the Alcohic Beverage Control of Virginia with ample power to act decided after strong pleas by the professional drys to give Virginia Sunday closing.

Three months later that same board threw up its hands and in the face of the terrible conditions that resulted withdrew theSunday closing law and went back to the old status.

While Virginia was in position to pull its foot out of the mud after three months, we must keep in mind that under the Maryland law we would have Sunday closing for at least two years before we could even peep.

I am not agreeing as a dry or as a wet, but I do maintain that as a citizen wanting a good place in which to live and make a living it is well to realize that prohibition all or in part has so thoroughly proved itself in theseUnited States and in this community to be economically unsound and morally most unwholesome.

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