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WOULD STOP PYRAMIDING

Senator Smoot of Utah, who is regarded as one of the foremost financial authorities in the United States Congress, is going to suggest the enactment of a one per cent on all retail sales as one of the outstanding features of the revision of the revenue laws by the new Republican administration. His proposal is that a real sales tax should take the place of the excess profits tax and it has much to commend it. The present system allows what has been described as pyramid profiteering, which means that the taxes are piled up on an article from the time it was a raw material until it becomes a finished product in the hands of the consumer. The sales tax would be one which nobody could very well evade, and although paid by the consumer, as all taxes are, the latter would know exactly what he was paying and there would be less grumbling than occurs under the present system.

No doubt in both the United States and Canada government expenditures must continue high for several years, and there is not much hope for an early reduction in taxation. Economy will have to be the watchword, and it is vitally important that the taxes should be imposed in the most equitable manner. Any new schemes of taxation put forward in the neighboring republic will be eagerly watched at Ottawa and probably adopted as a substitute for some of the fallacies borrowed and put into practice during the great war.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLOTHES.

Mrs. Lena Lake Forrest, president of the National Federation of Professional and Business Women, is starting an agitation for simpler clothes for women.

"You never see a young man going to work in a Tuxedo and dancing pumps, but you do see girls going to work in a general mixture of ball-room finery," she declares. Perhaps, as Mrs. Forrest says, young men have not gone to their daily toll in as brilliant raiment as some of the girls, but some of the young bucks have been fearfully and wonderfully clad during the last few years. Silken shirts and hosiery have been the common habiliments of the mechanic and the lounge lizard, the day laborer and the coupon clipper.

Had things gone on a little longer as they were the sight of husky youths going to factory and office in Tuxedo and pumps might not have been uncommon. As it is the silk shirts are becoming fewer and the jazzy suits are fading out. One day, perhaps, even the girls—God bless 'em—will come to the economic necessity of dressing more simply.

It was a great splurge, though, while it lasted.

London Daily Mail. It is very pleasant amid fogs and frost and falling leaves to read of our friends—for their very names have a friendly touch of summer—making runs and taking wickets on the sunny pitches of Australia. Old Sir Thomas Browne said it made him happy, when things were dark in Norfolk, to know that "the hunt was up in the Antipodes." It is always summer somewhere within the Empire; and the quickness of modern news helps us vicariously to taste the sun wherever we may be. And the opening game of the first tour since 1914 promises well.

While there has been a heavy reduction in the price of sugar during the past few weeks candy prices continue to hold firm. The candy manufacturers know that there is bound to be a fair demand for their products during the Christmas season and they are evidently taking advantage of the last opportunity to squeeze the public. With the advent of the new year a slump in prices may be expected, but not before. The drop in sugar did not occur until after the preserving season, and a similar plan will be followed in the case of candies.

Detroit News: The race is not all ways to the swift. A mighty freight engine trailing its train of box cars across the open country appears to be the ultimate in rapid freight transportation. But when the accomplishment of all the railroads of the country is considered it is found that your freight car is getting along only about

twenty miles a day. On some of the congested lines five miles per day per month is a pretty high average for freight transportation.

According to the Chatham World, our old friend Mr. Henry Harvey Stuart, a pronounced socialist, was the power behind the recent convention of the independent members of the legislature held at Moncton last week. In commenting on the gathering the World says:

"Mr. Henry Harvey Stuart obtained admittance to the meeting of Farmer and Labor members and candidates, and got busy at once with long-winded resolutions of communistic and socialistic flavor. An eight-hour day by law was one of them, and one can imagine how cordially the farmers received it. There will be an awful dose of fads prepared for the Government and the Government will have to swallow it or be defeated."

London Daily News: The modern man is asked to adapt himself to so many inventions that he sometimes regards modern conveniences as mere nuisances, but though a good goose-quill is better than a bad fountain pen, progressive men don't use quills. The story of evolution is one of man inventing fresh appliances and keeping pace with them, and it is no argument against the provision of baths that some individuals use them to contain coal or hens.

Senator Harding on his arrival at Washington this week from a trip to the Panama Canal will probably call on President Wilson and discuss Government affairs with him. The President elect will take his seat in the senate and it is said will deliver a speech from the floor of the House. If he does this he will be establishing a precedent, but he will probably be establishing a precedent, but he will be willing to do that.

The plight of American farmers brought about by falling prices has been taken up in the United States Congress. A hearing was begun last week before the agricultural committee of the House and Senate with a view of devising relief measures. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska plans to introduce legislation to make available the profits of the federal reserve banks amounting to \$60,000,000 for loans to agricultural interests.

Farmers in some sections of Nebraska declare that they will burn their corn because at current prices it will not pay for coal. The secretary of the Farmers' Union of that state says that the farmers demand from the government further credits, immediate financing to export surplus crops, a protective tariff and the appointment of a "dirt farmer" as Secretary of Agriculture.

A force of fifty prohibition agents descended upon White Plains, N. Y., a few days ago and raided the town from one end to the other. About twenty places were visited but only three arrests were made. It is said that White Plains saloon keepers have become very wary about leaving liquor lying around in places where it might be seized.

It is said that some 75,000 depositors in four Boston banks which have closed their doors during the past few months, have the sum of \$30,000,000 tied up which will not be available to them during the Christmas season. It will be at least four months before the banks reopen and perhaps longer.

The steady decline in grain and feed prices has been followed by a slump in pork and beef on the Chicago market. The wholesale price of beef is now seventeen per cent lower than in September and pork and pork products is said to be stagnant at the present time as buyers are expecting still lower prices.

It was owing to cattle refusing to drink from an impregnated spring on Epsom Common in 1618 that Epsom salt was discovered. Doctors examined the spring and in consequence of their verdict all the aristocracy of England were hurrying to Epsom a few years later to take the waters.

According to a statement by Hangman Ellis, 28 persons were executed in Canada during the past year. The total is more than double that of last year. The prospects for a decrease during the coming year are not very bright.

Montreal Standard: Modest, unsuspect dancing is an innocent, leasurably exercise, but some of the stunting in modern dancing is immodest, villainously ugly and damnable vulgar.

Will T Rust lives in Bristol, Vt.

THE HOG CRISIS AND ITS REMEDY

This fall's swift, marked drop in the price of coarse grains will bring home the wisdom of a steadier policy in livestock farming. The lack of a steady policy has just brought about a crisis in the hog industry which is almost tragic and may have a far-reaching effect on our export bacon trade built up through thirty years of careful effort. During the comparatively short period when, in relation to grain prices, production was in an unfavorable position, farmers, especially in the West, by wholesale disposal, almost depleted the country of breeding stock.

The tragedy of this action lies in two things. During the war we had built up a great name and a keen demand for Canadian bacon. We secured a position overseas which would have been assured if supplies had been kept up. Our real danger now is the loss of that market due to the more rapid recovery of other countries where farmers were far-sighted enough to get back into the big business after the war in spite of high prices. Today the Canadian farmer is faced with having on his hands a big crop of coarse grains at a comparatively low price. It could be very profitably fed to hogs. Yet the hogs are not in the country to be fed.

Immediate action may yet save the situation. In every litter of hogs now being prepared for market there are two or three sows that would make excellent mothers. It is in this that the remedy may be found.

1. Let every farmer who wishes to bring his hog herds back to normal breed some of these this fall.

2. Let every farmer who depleted his breeding stock go to his neighbors and shipping stations where hogs are being loaded and pick out suitable sows for breeding this fall.

If this is done promptly and widely losses will be rapidly replaced.

This foresight will result in small pigs next spring being restored to something approaching normal numbers.

By thus securing and breeding sows this season the present great crop of grains may yet be turned to best advantage. Pigs coming in the spring of 1921 may be fed and partly finished on the big crop of 1920. It will mean the restoration of normal conditions in our hog production and, greatest of all the gains in the long run, it will, by restoring the supply of meat to the export market before it is too late, assure the future market overseas for our distinctive Canadian hog products.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Christmas is positively the next stop.

It takes more than a calendar to keep people up to date.

Even if the world is short of leaders it has some corking moving picture actors.

Nearly every married man you meet knows how to govern his wife, but the trouble is she won't let him.

Farmers find it hard to raise turkeys. That makes it easy to raise turkey prices.

Differences in race and religion never seem to cut much ice when it comes to a question of boosting prices and soaking the public.

About one-half of his former subjects are asking Constantine of Greece to come back. The other half are daring him to come back.

When father tells the children what a model boy he was he should not forget to explain that there is nothing in the tradition that the good die young.

Long skirts used to gather germs but the short ones cause accidents as men can't look where they are going. Which is worse, a broken arm or a germ?

It is the personal conviction of materialist families that the one armed paper-hanger with the hives was far less busy than the mother who is cooking flapjacks for a healthy family of six.

That fellow who, five years ago, thought it wasteful and uncalled for extravagance to pay over fifty cents for a necktie is now buying them for two dollars apiece and considering himself a tightwad.

Death at Devon

Vera Nason aged twenty years died Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Nason, Gibson street, Devon. Death was caused by pneumonia. The deceased is survived by her parents and two brothers George and William and four sisters Hattie, Minnie, Dolly and Louise. Rev. T. E. Thomas conducted the funeral service which took place this afternoon at three o'clock. Interment was made at Sunny Bank Cemetery.

It takes a wise man to realize what a fool he is.

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Late H. J. Morgan.

The funeral of the late Herbert J. Morgan this afternoon was largely attended. Floral tributes were numerous. Rev. H. H. Ferguson conducted the service and interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Ray Brewer, Ernest Howes, William Aitken, Charles Atkinson, John E. Sullivan and F. L. Cooper. The Mourners were Charles Morgan, Percy Morgan, Harold Morgan, Charles Morgan, Ralph Morgan, Grover C. McCoy, and Charles McCoy.

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