

MANY PROBES IN U.S. TREASURY ARE KEPT SECRET

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People's Money, but Little
Is Heard of Doings.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The United States Treasury every year handles billions of dollars of the people's money. Yet there is more secrecy about the doings of the Treasury Department than possibly all other departments combined.

More "investigations" are started in the Treasury than anywhere else in the Government. And fewer reports of the results of investigations ever reach the public.

Some recent Treasury Department investigations, the results of which have not been made public, are:

Employees Lose Jobs

The investigation of the bureau of printing and engraving. The place was closed for a number of days while Government sleuths probed. Some employees lost their jobs in the shake-up. The real result of the investigation is still secret.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair started another investigation into alleged irregularities in the income tax unit of the Treasury Department about a year ago. No report of their findings yet.

There was an investigation into the alleged disappearance of internal revenue stamps last spring. The public doesn't yet know what was found.

Public Never Told

Likewise the reported discrepancies in returns made by income tax collection districts, totaling some \$200,000,000. The public has never been told whether these discrepancies were due to errors in bookkeeping, to bad adding machines, or to crookedness.

Then there was an investigation of attorneys who were charged with practicing illegally before various divisions of the Treasury Department. The public is still in the dark as to the guilt or innocence of the lawyers who were under investigation.

There have been investigations without results into alleged fraudulent income tax returns and into matters relating to the liquor traffic but all of these are kept a dead secret.

RIDE CURES DEAFNESS

Trip in Airplane Restores Hearing to Lutheran Chaplain.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The airplane as a cure for deafness was demonstrated when Chaplain H. M. Leech of the New Lutheran Church at the Presidio, who has been gradually growing deaf, took the advice of Army surgeons and went for a high fly.

With Capt. A. F. Herod of the United States Air Service, Chaplain Leech went up 13,000 feet. Upon landing he said he could hear perfectly.

To make the cure lasting, the surgeons have advised the chaplain to take at least two more flights.

RAIN IN TEN-FOOT SQUARE

Steady Water Fall in Small Space Puzzles Scientists.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Oct. 12.—What appeared to be steady rain, ranging from a slight drizzle to a fairly heavy shower, fell in a space about ten feet square in front of a house here.

Every effort has been made to learn the reason. A representative from the Bureau of Forestry at Washington declared it was not caused by the fall of sap from a nearby tree, as some persons have insisted.

A poplar tree adjacent to the spot is putting out new leaves and buds as the apparent result of the shower.

MAD BUFFALO CHARGES

Creature Attacks Cameraman, but Is Killed by Helper.

ANTELOPE ISLAND, Utah, Oct. 12.—Karl Brown, cameraman for James Cruze, narrowly escaped serious injury when a mad buffalo bull charged the wagon containing camera and cameraman. Edward Jones, a motion picture employee, shot the animal just as it had slightly gored one of the horses and was preparing to attack Brown, who had jumped to the ground.

Famous Baritone Paid More Than Caruso in His Prime in Metropolitan Opera House

By MILTON BRONNER, NEA Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Four thousand dollars a night for a couple of hours work!

That's what Feodor Chaliapin, the world's greatest baritone, is to get during the coming season at the

Metropolitan Opera House in New York. Caruso never received as much.

"Just think of getting so much money to sing in opera," exclaimed the Russian singer when seen in his comfortable suite at the fashionable Savoy Hotel here. "It's grand—especially when one knows that every so-called golden note is going to be paid for in golden golden notes of another kind which will buy shoes and stockings for ten children."

They are his greatest concern. Last spring when he returned to Russia from his first American trip he brought back with him shoes, stockings, dainties, new pots and pans—a wonderful Noah's ark collection of things that couldn't be bought in Russia for hundreds of millions of rubles.

There had been rumors that the Bolsheviks allowed him to come to England and America to sing, only on the condition that he would return and that his family was held as hostages.

WHERE IS OLD BROAD RIPPLE? Up-to-Date Suburb Replaces Mere Town of Yesteryear



ABOVE—New firehouse, police station and town hall of Broad Ripple, annexed to Indianapolis. The building was put into use about two months ago.

CENTER—A wide place in White River which gave Indianapolis' newest annexation its name. Looking west, toward the town, from White City amusement park.

BELW—Broad Ripple high school, center of contention in the fight against annexation of Broad Ripple. The school, with a grade school just behind it, was left out when the town was annexed to Indianapolis.

The town board, of which D. A. Stackhouse is president, is closing its books and planning to turn them over to the city.

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By 4:30 p.m. Wednesday a new police automobile was in the firehouse and six policemen and six firemen had taken up their duties with Harry A. Gebhart in charge.

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