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INCOME TAX PUBLICITY

THE BALTIMORE POST, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, has been indicted by a Federal grand jury, charged with violation of law because it published certain Federal income tax returns. The indictment was the result of direct action by the Attorney General of the United States who is seeking to have a judicial interpretation of the conflicting statutes on the subject of income tax publicity.

The Baltimore Post is one of thousands of newspapers which published income tax returns, believing that in doing so they were entirely within their legal rights and that it was the plain intent of Congress that there should be publicity.

Publicity of income tax returns has been one of the major policies of the Scripps-Howard newspaper concern for many years, and it welcomes the opportunity presented by the indictment of the Baltimore Post to defend the principle in the public interest.

THE DEATH OF MRS. HARDING

THE COUNTRY mourns the passing of Florence Kling Harding, not alone because she was the widow of a President. It mourns because she was a woman of the most splendid character who filled her great place as "first lady of the land," with a womanly dignity and sweetness that have not been surpassed by any of her predecessors in the White House.

Few women have had to bear a heavier cross than did Mrs. Harding when the husband who had risen to the highest place in the world was suddenly taken from her. She bore it bravely even though her heart were breaking—yes did break.

Florence Harding is now with her husband, where she has wished to be every since he left her.

The story of her life and how nobly she played her part as wife in the obscurity of its earlier as well as the glory of its later years, will be an inspiration to the women of America for generations to come.

NAMING AN ACCOUNTANT

ONE OF THE principal difficulties confronting the public service commission when it gets into Federal court—where it has been frequently—is in the preparation of its cases. Poor preparation may have been responsible for the loss of some legal battles by the commission.

In the preparation of such cases the engineering and accounting departments have had a big part. The selection of a man to head the accounting department is most important. Perhaps Benjamin Perk, who is mentioned for the place, has had more experience in handling the particular big cases with which the commission must deal than any other man.

Perk has shown ability as a utility accountant and may be the logical man for the case. However, he has been on one side or the other of so many important cases it would be interesting to see how he adjusts himself to the supposed neutral attitude of the commission. He is obtaining some experience in this matter in the Bell telephone case in which he represents the commission.

SOMETHING FOR CONGRESS TO DO

GET OUT your pencil and paper and figure out what you'd like to have Congress do for you between Dec. 1 and March 4.

Just like cross-word puzzles—everybody's doing it.

American Legion officials here want General Pershing put back on the active Army list; "liberal appropriations for air service and the Army"; maintenance of the 5-5-3 Navy and the elevation of turret guns; universal draft of capital, labor, industry, transportation and man power in the event of war; equal retirement ratings for emergency officers disabled in the war; certain amendments to the adjusted compensation act; completion of the Government's permanent hospital-building program.

Scott Bone, ex-Hoosier Governor of Alaska, wants \$150,000 for a capitol building at Juneau; extension of the Federal Highway Act to Alaska so roads can be built up there; a law granting 160 acres of land in Alaska to each Alaskan who served in the World War; plenty of money assured for the Alaska railroad; and money for Alaska in a budget all by itself so that it won't have to come in little dribs and drabs from various departmental budgets.

Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers Union, and a member of President Coolidge's Agricultural Board, says the farmers want (1) passage of the truth-in-fabric bill; (2) legislation to protect farmers' interests by providing for truthful and adequate branding, labeling and advertising of seeds, foods and fertilizers when shipped in interstate commerce; (3) legislation to provide for more adequate market reports by the Department of Agriculture, both at home and abroad, and to give certain foreign representatives of the Department of Agriculture the rank of agricultural attaché; (4) the prevention through legislation, if possible, of discrimination by manufacturers, financial and commercial interests against farmers who wish to buy collectively in wholesale quantities; (5) revision of the Esch-Cummins Act in order to secure lower freight rates on agricultural products and the bulky requirements of the farmer; and (6) measures which will insure no recurrence of discriminations against the farmer, which have obtained under the Federal Reserve System and Federal Farm Loan Board.

This is a good starter and almost enough to keep Congress busy for a few weeks without tackling Muscle Shoals, the world court, foreign affairs, tax reduction, a public building program, and a lot of other measures pending.

The water's fine and there's room for more, so get out the old pen and paper and write what you think Congress ought to do.

"WALK TEN miles a day," advise the health experts. "The most dangerous thing a man can do is to take a walk," say the insurance companies.

TURKEY DROPPED 10 cents a pound in New York. Are we to understand that we now have no aftermath of the war?

CHEERIO. Suspenders back and may supersede cigars and neckties as Christmas gifts from her.

CHILD, 4, TO LEAD BLIND U. S. SOLON

Daughter of Senator Schall Will Accompany Father in Senate.

By NEA Service
INNEAPOLIS, Nov. 22.—Thomas D. Schall's 4-year-old daughter, Betty, will guide him down the Senate aisle when he takes the oath of office in Washington next March.

For the man who defeated Magnus Johnson, "dirt farmer" Progressive, for one of Minnesota's seats in the upper house, is blind. He has been blind seventeen years. An explosion of a cigar lighter cost him his sight in 1907, three years after he had hung out his law shingle here.

But his misfortune did not cause him to desert his law practice, nor did it keep him from going into Congress once he decided he would.

Sons With Heart

Ever since his accident, his wife has been his "eyes." But when the greatest honor of his career is conferred upon him, Schall is going to let Betty share it with him.

Often during his campaign speeches has he told the story of his climbing into his lap, rubbing her nose against his and saying: "Daddy, can't you see me?"

To which he replied: "No, little curly head, I can't."

Then, after a moment of silence, so he relates, she said: "Well, your heart sees me, doesn't it, daddy?"

And he assured her it did.

Dressed for Audience

Schall, with the help of his wife, whom he calls his "bettered 39 per cent," always knows how to make a hit with the different classes he has been called upon to address.

When speaking to a group of workingmen during his campaign he would shed his coat, exhibiting a pair of wide suspended trousers common even then with those Magnus Johnson always wears.

If it was a lumberjack audience, he appeared in a fiery red shirt. He chewed tobacco when he thought the occasion demanded. His wife, after leading him onto the

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Judge



Illinois' oldest justice of peace, Lewis Holloway of Bloomington, has retired after fifty years' service, marrying thousands of couples.

He is the last survivor of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debate at Ottawa, Ill., in 1856, and voted twice for Abraham Lincoln. He has voted at seventeen presidential elections.

Tongue Tips

The late HENRY CABOT LODGE: "The first thing for a man of leisure to do, if he really wishes to count in his day and generation, is to avoid being an amateur."

MISS MARGARET POHEK, Methodist minister with bobbed hair, Boston: "The only trouble with women ministers is that they develop with no trouble at all into just 'sob sisters,' cheap imitations of Billy Sunday."

DEAN A. CLARK, Illinois University: "The passion for driving a motor car seems often to stimulate other passions and unconventionalities and actual immorality often results among students."

DR. CHARLES M. WILLIAMS: "If you are blessed with a round, supple skin with plenty of natural oil, bathe as much as you please in winter; but if you are cursed with a skin that gets dry and harsh in cold weather, cracking easily, beware of soap and water."

Inquiry Attempts Fall

In the House, as well as in the Senate, numerous attempts had been made in the past to start such an inquiry, but all had failed. Couzens' effort, being launched at the time of the oil investigation and the Department of Justice investigation, found the Senate in a mood to look into things, and he obtained the appointment of the committee, now functioning.

Some members of the Senate have been convinced by such information as already has been obtained that iron-clad secrecy surrounding every feature of the Revenue Bureau's work is not advantageous to the government or to the people. Before the present inquiry concludes it will have gone into the operation of the prohibition unit and it is possible that revelations regarding that unit will drive home the idea that daylight might be a useful adjunct.

The inquiry of Couzens committee is resumed with every appearance of least of harmony. Watson of Indiana, who resigned as chairman because the other members insisted upon including the prohibition unit in the investigation, has indicated a purpose not to impede such an investigation further, and is sitting with the committee. Other members are Ernst, Republican, of Kentucky, and King of Utah and Jones, of New Mexico, Democrats.

Sugar Doll

By HAL COCHRAN
It was only a little sugar toy, like a doll they had molded it neat. And it gave little sister a heart of joy, for she knew that this dolly was sweet.

It only cost daddy a penny or two, but the cost plays a trifling part. The thing that means much is that wee little Sue let the dolly crawl into her heart.

Whenever she'd eat, sugar dolly was there, perched serenely on Sister Sue's lap. Always together, this queer little pair spent their time through the hours of the day.

Why Sister would bless it and iron-clad it. She'd say, "I'm a mama to you." She never would scold it, but close to her hold it like regular momma does.

Then this wee little maid really quite afraid that she'd lose sugar dolly while sleeping. So she kissed it good-night, then this queer little mate ate the sugar doll up—for safekeeping.

Working isn't as much fun as loafing, but you get more for it.

The man who starts out to knock around the world usually finds the world knocks him around instead.

One who claims to be a perfect thirty-six is not speaking of her age.

Some boys are small for their age and so are some men.

Never doing things by halves is fine, unless you are eating grapefruit.

Being a politician is a great life, but a poor occupation.

The average man has a better average than the average man thinks.

Absence of summer is making the heart grow fonder of it.

Experience isn't a great teacher if you spend all your time studying the same lesson.

Dessert seems to be a food which comes and goes only with company. (Copyright, 1924, NEA Service, Inc.)

Knew Something

When Bloberger's wife needed a hired girl she resorted to a Scandinavian employment agency in Minneapolis. There she found a sturdy Miss girl.

"Can you cook?" asked Mrs. Bloberger.

"No, Ayce can't cook."

"Can you do washing?"

"No, Ayce can't wash."

"Well, then, what on earth can you do?"

The girl thought for a moment and then replied, "Well I can milk the reindeer!"—Whiz Bang.

The Cook's Habit

" Didn't I see the grocer's boy kiss you this morning, Mary?"

"Yes'm; but he ain't to blame. Twas the leman set him the bad example."—Bucknell Belle Hop.

No Forget in Father

"So your father refused to send you money? I suppose he's forgotten that he spent money when he went to college?"

"Not a bit of it. And he hasn't forgotten what he spent for it, either."—American Legion Weekly.

Why Girls Fade

"Why did Alice's wondrous beauty fade?"

"She got caught in a rain storm."

The girl thought for a moment and then replied, "Well I can milk the reindeer!"—Whiz Bang.

MORE TAX PUBLICITY IS IN SIGHT

Not Even Congress Knows All Details of Enforcement.

Times Washington Bureau, 1312 New York Ave., WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—More publicity, instead of less, may attach to income tax collecting as a result of consideration of the subject by the coming session of Congress. While opponents of the new publicity law are working to bring about its repeal another influence may be working to increase public knowledge of how the income tax law operates. It happens thus:

For ten years the income tax law has been in effect and during that time Congress has had only the haziest idea of what has been going on within the immense Government bureau set up under the law. Provisions for secrecy, made part of the law, have been adhered to so rigidly that not even the authors of the law have been permitted to really see the wheels go round in the machine they caused to be built.

Legislation Difficult

The result has been difficulty in legislating intelligently to alter or repair the machine as at times has seemed necessary. About all Congress was allowed to know, until the present publicity law was enacted last summer, was the total amount collected each year.

Now Congress, along with the public, is allowed to know how much various persons and concerns pay. But as to how the Internal Revenue Bureau reaches the figures set down thereon these various names, Congress remains as much in the dark as the public.

The Couzens Committee

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WHO'S THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSEBOAT ON NEW YORK'S WATERFRONT?

WHO'S THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSEBOAT ON NEW YORK'S WATERFRONT? AND WHERE ARE ALL THESE RUGGED, HEMEN OF THE SEA? WHERE THE HUSBAND IS HANGING OUT THE WASH. MANY OF THESE BARGE CABINS ARE QUITE UP-TO-DATE—NOTICE THE RADIO AERIAL.

eye. The fingers are held extended and joined, the forearm at an angle of 45 degrees, hand, wrist, and forearm in a straight line. The hand is kept in this position until the officer acknowledges the salute or until he has passed. Then the hand is dropped to the side. The officer salutes in the same manner.

Who Was Heebe?

Mother of Paris and second wife of Pier, King of Troy. When Paris was born she exposed him on Mount Ida in the hope that he would perish, for the soothsayers had foretold that he would cause the death of his family and the downfall of his native city. In the Trojan war she saw most of her children perish and was herself made captive, falling to the lot of Ulysses. She threw herself into the sea and was drowned.

Lee Turner

Lee Turner, ranchman from way out Tucson way, is spending several days at the McAlpin telling folks about seven buried Aztec cities he found on his place.

J. E. Hinds, the prominent druggist of Baltimore, called on business friends this week. So did W. H. Balch, the rubber merchant of Ashland, Ohio.

Ben Woodhead, the lumberman from Beaumont, Texas, weekended in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Daniels' son, from Raleigh, N. C., are spending the fortnight at the Astor. B. H. Griffin and wife from the same place were callers at the Pennsylvania.

E. A. Rorabaugh of Wichita and other points in Kansas and Oklahoma made a business trip to town this past week.

Frank P. Hannah, who comes from Pittsburgh, was seen on our streets today. He is president of the Greeters of America.

Miss Alice Johnson, the popular buyer from Richmond, Va., was a caller on the trade day before yesterday.

Harry Stutz, the auto man, came from Indianapolis to spend a few days in our midst.