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No law shall be passed restraining the free interchange of thought and opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely, on any subject whatever.—Constitution of Indiana.

Paying Other People's Taxes

TO meet the expenses of government you pay taxes. You always pay more than you should because a certain percentage of citizens manage, in one way or another, to escape paying their share. Just how much this costs you is impossible to determine, but now and then a little light is obtainable.

A man in New York—nobody you ever heard of; he doesn't rate as one of the country's really wealthy men—pleaded guilty to income tax fraud a few days ago. He had cheated the Government out of \$232,990.60 in 1921 and 1922, he confessed.

He was fined \$1,500 by the Federal court. That doesn't sound like a severe penalty, considering the size of the man's offense. In fact, he seems to have gotten off pretty easily. The judge explained this. As quoted by the New York World, he said he had made the fine light against his will, but because of promises made by the Government officials in Washington he had no other recourse.

Having helped to pay the taxes which this man escaped paying, you may feel that the Government officials in Washington were a little too considerate of him and not quite sufficiently considerate of you.

And if this obscure millionaire—his name is Jacob Busch—dodged \$232,000 of taxes, you may wonder what the total dodging amounts to. And, finally, just how large a part of your tax bill goes to make up the payments that other men should make.

Why Did Russia Lift Booze Ban?

THE lifting of the prohibition law by the Soviet government will spell Russia's present-day salvation. Its future salvation rests securely upon the Christian church.

Rev. Ivan S. Prokhanoff, president of the All-Russian Union of Evangelical churches, made this statement before the Disciples of Christ convention at Oklahoma City, press dispatches tell us. Scouting the surprise his remarks might cause, he went on to explain.

"You may think this a peculiar statement for a minister of the gospel to make," he said, "but it is wholly true.

"Before prohibition was tried, there was a drunkard here and there. Under prohibition every house became a distillery and a saloon. Men and women made vodka and even served it to their children."

The result was that there was probably more liquor in Russia than in the days before prohibition, said he.

"This surely was an unmoral situation," he continued. "It was producing for Russia a rising generation of drinkers and lawbreakers. Children lost respect for the law when they saw their mothers and fathers producing liquor as they did bread."

Whatever you may think of prohibition, here is food for thought. Russia had prohibition several years before we had it in this country. It was introduced under the Czar and enforced all the more rigidly by the almost fanatical communists afterward.

Apparently the present government considers the experiment a failure. And we find high representatives of the Russian Church supporting this view. Temperance, Dr. Prokhanoff believes, is not to be brought about by law, but by gradual education.

Telling people it is a crime to indulge in liquor does not seem to have much effect on drinking. Teaching them the harmful effects of overindulgence—in other words, Christian training—the pastor holds to be the only solution.

It gives us something to think about, anyway.

ASK THE TIMES

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1235 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unsolicited requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

How many policemen are there in the United States?
According to the 1920 census there were 82,120.

Where are the largest oil fields in the world?
In California and the mid-continent fields in the United States and the fields in Mexico and Russia.

Is there any estimate as to the number of persons in the United States who are always out of work or unemployed in gainful occupations?

The Russell Sage Foundation of New York City declared after a five year survey extending into thirty-one cities in this country and Canada, that averaging good and bad years, 10 to 12 per cent of all workers—1,000,000 to 6,000,000—are

out of work all the time, and widespread unemployment is always present with far reaching economic, social, psychological, and moral bearing.

When was Dorothy Arnold kidnapped?
December 13, 1910.

What is the pay of a chief petty officer in the Navy?

They receive a base pay of \$126 per month, with a 10 per cent increase after the first four years of service, and a 5 per cent increase for each four years thereafter until 25 per cent is reached. The maximum pay is \$157.50 per month. Acting chief petty officers receive \$99.00 per month base pay.

A Thought

A child left to himself brings his mother to shame.—Prov. 29:15.
As each one wishes his children to be, so they are.—Terence.

Times Radio Programs

THE radio has become an integral part of the equipment of the modern home, just as the phonograph took its place in the home several years ago. Radio provides entertainment for the masses. It brings good music to the ears of many who seldom, if ever, have an opportunity to attend concerts or the opera. At the same time it brings its level of lighter entertainment.

The Indianapolis Times, believing that radio is very much worth while, is broadcasting popular concerts every Friday evening, beginning at 9 o'clock. The second concert was broadcast from The Times studio at the Hotel Severin Friday night. Our first was broadcast last Friday. Programs will continue weekly through the winter.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the many listeners for their expressions of appreciation and good will. The Times will continue to endeavor to give the very best possible programs, including light entertainment features as well as the better music. We shall always try to keep these programs on a high plane. Listeners are invited to express themselves as to what they want to hear. Just drop a letter or card to the editor of The Times.

The Passing Week

IT has been a hectic week.... Mayor Shank says that with 400,000 people in Indianapolis a policeman who shoots in a crowd ought to be able to hit somebody. So he ordered the installation of a pistol range. Women cops as well as men will practice. We always thought women shot instinctively. But perhaps this is only when they shoot at their husbands.... D. C. Stephenson was indicted again. This time on a charge of plotting to burn his own home. It's getting to be a habit with him. His trial next week should be a relief, not only to Steve but to the public....

Mrs. Clara Carl, sentenced for the mere matter of killing a couple of men, calmly walked out of the woman's prison. Prison authorities refer to the institution as a "home." It seems to be easy for women to leave home.... President Coolidge took a terrible slam at the apostles of hate. The President is absolutely right, but it is too bad he didn't have nerve enough to say his say about a year ago.... The world series started with the usual press agent stuff. Baseball gets more publicity than any other line of business. But then the folks seem to want it and, bless 'em, we'll give them what they want.... Walter Johnson pitched a great game for an old man. Where do they get this "old" stuff, anyway? Any place else he would be referred to as a young man. He is not a lot older than young Bob LaFollette, who is the boy Senator.... The boys and girls paid their annual tribute to James Whitcomb Riley. The good poet's life and work were a wholesome influence. He will be remembered after our fashionable neurotic writers are forgotten.... Federal booze agents have been busy over the State. They have to show that the reorganization amounts to something. We wonder how long this burst of speed will last.... Col. Billy Mitchell still knows how to achieve the front page. He figuratively thumbed his nose at the naval investigating board. Now they are wondering what to do about it.... State income tax figures show there are 42,000 financially eligible bachelors in Indiana. What do they mean by financially able? All bachelors who earned more than \$1,000 last year had to pay income taxes. How many girls would marry a \$1,000-a-year bachelor? Don't all speak at once.... Cold weather hit us and there was a big rush for more coal and last year's red flannel underwear. Soon automobile radiators will be filled with alcohol and a flock of old souls will be walking around the streets sniffing disconsolately.

The Overcoat

By Hal Cochran

OF COURSE the kids need new clothes, and shoes, and things like that. And then the missus wants a dress and, like as not, a hat. The change from summertime to fall, with threats of frost and snow, convinces I must head their call, and spend a heap of dough.

It makes a lot of difference when there's chilliness in the air. You can't go round with lightweight things you used for summer wear. It hurts to see the kids kinda shiver in the breeze. I gotta buy 'em coats and things that reach below the knees.

I know the wife would gladly make last year's apparel do, but secretly, her heart would ache, if she saw garments new. I'm gonna do the best I can, and do it with a smile. I'm gonna be a proud-like man and keep her up in style.

Then, after all the family's set, with worries on the shelf, I'll lie up to the attic and I'll rightly top myself. Of winter frost and winter cold, I really have no fear. I'll wear (although it may look odd) the coat I wore last year.

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Hans Hoffmeier Says:
The Young Man With an Auto and a Bootlegger Hurts Himself

DER young American pebbles bin full mit new ideas und it looks like ve gotten blent here to kept der adventures hunters bissy, yet der pabers told us vere a young doctor bin oaf in Africa killing Riffs. Vat vood America denks ven ve gotten a vars, to had a bunch foreners came oaf here to shoot us full mit holes?

Maybe id iss better ve kept dot young doctor away und so safe der lives of his clients here, aber such iss not der question. Ven dey must fly ve needs em here und maybe Henry Forts giffs dem a jops. Uncle Sam shoold tooken dem young fellers by der coats collars und brought dem back home.

France und Spain doot called for help aber dem BUM drowers just butted in so dey gotten a trills.

A checks shoold bin made mit der young mens uf today. Dey bin venting too fast. Der Professors for unser colleges seen id, und now a strike iss der latest currikulum in der higher educationings.

Der young mens mit a automobilees und a bootlegger iss not hurting der older pebbles aber vat he id dissing to der younger generations iss sure a blendy.

Loaded mit a cap, a cigarettes, a swetter and a drink or two, dey knows not der ent uf der beginning. Der olt vay uf raising der young feller mit milk und honey iss pass-say und ousgaspeeled und gasoline und oil haff tooken dem blaces.

Der olt home iss not vat he used to bin und der logs burning in der big fire blace iss oud und iss in der memory written only. A ride, a dinner und a jazzes dance haff subblanted der old family circle.

Der pace bin gitting faster und faster und der Fadder und Mudder bin in der grant standt dum und vundering ven und vere he-vill ent. Don't someding eood bin did?

HANS HOFFMEIER,
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CHEMISTS TO SAVE MILLIONS BY UTILIZING OF WASTE

By David Dietz

NEA Service Writer

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—We live in the age of chemistry. But the wonders accomplished in the past decade are only a prelude to the wonders which the chemist expects to perform in the future.

This is the prediction of Dr. Arthur D. Little, in charge of the Exposition of Chemical Industries held recently in New York.

The exposition shows the present accomplishments of chemistry. Dr. Little, who is past president of the American Chemical Society, and famous world over for his chemical researches, tells what the chemist hopes to accomplish in days to come.

The popular impression of a chemist is a man in a laboratory mixing minute quantities of liquids and powders in little glass test tubes. But the chemical exposition brought home the fact that the laboratory is only the starting place of the chemist's job. Changing his title to that of chemical engineer, he steps into the manufacturing plant and deals with material in 1,000-ton lots.

Exhibits at the exposition included gigantic machines of all sorts. There were, for example, gigantic mechanical mixers the size of an ordinary small room.

Special types of steel, rubber products, special glass which stands excessive heat and strong acids, dye-stuffs, much-needed drugs, special glass for optical instruments, are only a few of the things for which the world owes thanks to the chemist, as the exposition showed.

The chemist, in working for the future, is conducting his research along three important lines, Dr. Little said.

Synthetic Products

One is the development of simpler and less expensive methods of producing important industrial products. This in many cases means the synthetic or laboratory manufacture of a product now found in nature.

The second is the development of means of utilizing to a greater extent the chemical elements which are now abundant and least expensive to obtain.

The third is the utilization of waste products in industry. Regarding the first type of work, Dr. Little calls attention to the work that is being done by so-called catalytic processes involving the treatment of gases at high temperature and pressure.

Catalysts are very much mysteries at the present time. They are substances which while apparently play no part in a chemical reaction nevertheless make it possible.

Making Ammonia

One of the most important catalytic processes at the present time is the manufacture of ammonia. Ammonia is a nitrogen compound.

Now while such compounds are very scarce, nitrogen is very abundant, the atmosphere being four-fifths nitrogen. The difficulty is to make nitrogen enter into combination with other elements.

Chemists have found, however, that if nitrogen and hydrogen are mixed under high pressure and the resulting mixture passed over a mesh of certain iron compounds, these compounds act as a catalyst, causing the nitrogen and hydrogen to combine to form ammonia.

Dr. Little says that he expects many processes of this sort to be worked out in the future.

Using Wastes

"There is a thorough-going study under way at the present time looking toward the utilization of such abundant metals as calcium, beryllium and magnesium in special alloys," Dr. Little says. "Successful completion of this work should prove

of the utmost value to the industrial and business world.

"There are the greatest possibilities also in the utilization of industrial wastes.

"For example, take cereal straw. This ought to be converted into a highly nutritious carbohydrate cattle food.

"Similarly many other wastes ought to be utilized. As chemists work out means for doing this, industry and agriculture will be saved millions of dollars."

Tom Sims Says

Makes a wish when you see the first star and it will come true, if you wish it hard enough. All wishes do that.

They say it took millions of years to make us what we are, and still the job is only started.

Somebody robbed a loan office in St. Louis instead of a loan office in St. Louis robbing somebody.

Texas editor refused to pay a \$50 fine. Mighty hard, but he could make it back in ten or twenty years.

Even knock-knees are better than none. Couldn't get your shoes off if you didn't have any at all.

Most foreign countries are famous for various articles, most of which are made in America.

Wouldn't it be fun if we planned for the future just as seriously as we regret the past?

It takes a beautiful moon just about three seconds to prove there are no germs in kisses.

If you knock at a friend's door and he lets you in, then it is time to quit your knocking.

The old saying may be true, but most birds in the bush appear to be worth more than two in the hand. (Copyright, 1925, NEA Service, Inc.)

Plays Wagner



Walter Damrosch

When Ona B. Talbot opens her orchestral series at the Murat on Monday night, Oct. 19, Walter Damrosch will be seen conducting the New York Symphony through an entire Wagner program.

THE SPUDZ FAMILY—By TALBURT

