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So far as Europe is concerned, America can stand a loan.

Have you got the \$51.06 the government says you have?

"The happy farmer" is about ready to amend it to mishappy.

Wonder if a prison ever does anything else besides yawn?

This undoubtedly has been a great year for the throat specialists.

The dollar bill is perking up sweetly as sugar sags toward normalcy.

As winter comes on, soviet soldiers are likely to envy the ex-kaiser his woodpile.

Never put off until tomorrow what you can snare somebody else into doing for you today.

According to recent disclosures, a broker may be a man who goes broke on other people's money.

With 22 baseball leagues in action it should be possible to put that old "skidoo" sign on gambling.

Now that calico has dropped 50 per cent, all that is needed is to induce the girls to wear it.

How the smaller nations love to emulate the great! Mexico now has a coal strike on its hands.

A woman always feels a slight resentment when the man she has rejected is happily married.

If selling a six-cent ham sandwich for 30 cents is an outrage, what is a Boston restaurant keeper?

Europe is a trifle overburdened with a radical sentiment that advocates less work and more fighting.

This is the greatest self-serve age since prehistoric times. Therefore, every man should be taught to cook.

If an American Bolshevik could work his will, he would be able to stay right at home and die of typhus.

Silk shirts are getting so cheap a fellow will have to have one or two of cotton to wear when he's dressed up.

Civilization devotes too much time to investigation afterward and too little time to preventing evil developments.

The Mexican government is no doubt hopeful that Villa will not revert to some of his old methods in demanding a subsidy for the farmer.

Another trouble about the fellow who always gives the farmer advice is that he never seems to have any thing else to give him.

Many believe that the former czar of Russia is still alive. If this is the case, existing conditions make it no favor to draw attention to the probability.

Judging by the number of automobile and motorcycle accidents, that "Safety First" propaganda has proved almost as effective as a campaign promise.

Mothers should be careful about permitting their babies to be kissed by politicians who bellow wrath and fire upon the heads of the people who are striving to save good government.

Now Japan and China are at it again. As a peacemaker, the war has proved the wildest kind of a boomerang.

Archangel is reported to be in a state of terror from the official assassination of intellectuals. What's in a name?

The pinch of poverty to the modern woman is to be obliged to wear the same tint of hair for two months running.

Cheaper shoes are reported on the way, and they'll probably get here about the time we're all wearing paper suits.

Aviators are experimenting with a new "train maker" project, but nothing ever will be found in this connection that could improve on a county fair.

According to the politicians, one-half of the American people are crooks and the other half angels, which would indicate that most of us "don't belong" at all.

Bolshevism invariably loses its appeal to anybody who has studied it sufficiently to get an inkling of what it means.

Most business men hope to see the price of that which they buy come down and the price of that which they sell go up.

The Spanish prince is a corporal in the army. He may think he is somebody, but he has not yet run up against the awful majesty of a second lieutenant.

Indiana Brevities

Indianapolis.—Two senators and one representative in the coming general assembly, who have been working on bills intended to check profiteering in rents, have been conferring with Charles Kettleborough, director of the bureau of legislative information. Senator Robert L. Moorhead, Indianapolis; Senator William A. Arnold, Salem, and Representative James L. Day, East Chicago, would like to do something to curb ravenous landlords. Senator Arnold introduced at the July special session of the legislature a bill which would have made it a cause for court action if any landlord increased rent more than 25 per cent in one year. The bill had the endorsement of Stanley Wyckoff, then federal fair-prize commissioner in Indiana. The bill was strangled in committee.

Indianapolis.—The Indiana securities commission has ruled that the entire cost of floating a stock or securities issue, authorized by it under the new "blue-sky" law, must not exceed 20 per cent, and the commission will not permit the 20 per cent maximum in all instances. It intends that at least 80 per cent of the money obtained from stocks or securities sales must go into the corporation's treasury. The average per cent to be permitted for commissions, advertising and other costs incident to placing an issue with investors is not expected by some of the members of the commission to exceed approximately 15 per cent.

Indianapolis.—Of the 1,446,101 electors of Indiana who registered for the general election this year, 183,140 did not vote. Approximately one person out of every seven registered did not go to the polls. The total vote of the ticket was 1,262,640, the Republican plurality being 185,000. The total vote for President in Indiana in 1916, before women voted, was 717,189. The total vote this year was 545,775 greater than it was four years ago, or an increase of 76 per cent. If all those who registered this year had voted, the total vote would have been a little more than double that of four years ago.

Indianapolis.—A temporary injunction restraining the state special coal and food commission from enforcing orders against the Vandalia Coal company and the Vigo Coal Products company because the orders violate the interstate commerce clause of the federal Constitution and because they impair the obligation of contracts, was issued in federal court at Indianapolis.

Evansville.—J. S. Johnson of Evansville was elected president of the Southwestern Indiana Teachers' association for the coming year at the session of the organization's annual convention, held in Evansville. He had been vice president of the association the last year, and takes the place of Robert E. Eckert of Jasper, who has served during the last year.

Anderson.—The Madison county council and board of commissioners, in joint session to consider road improvements outlined for next year, and which will cost approximately \$1,000,000, decided not to cancel any contracts for improvements. It was decided, however, to retrace as far as possible in regard to improvement projects for 1921.

Indianapolis.—Summer Kenner, Huntington city attorney, will be assistant attorney general of Indiana under U. S. Lesh, attorney general-elect. Mr. Lesh has announced. Mr. Kenner will fill the position made vacant early in January when Mr. Lesh, now assistant attorney general, becomes attorney general.

Logansport.—Municipal coal yards in Logansport will be kept in operation until the consumers of the city are supplied with plenty of fuel for the winter and the coal merchants are able adequately to serve the citizens, according to James L. Barnes, mayor.

East Chicago.—His principle of never assigning a subordinate to a task he would not wish to undertake himself cost the life of Clyde Spencer, chief of the fire department of East Chicago. He died in a fire that did perhaps \$200 damage.

South Bend.—An epidemic of crime, in which negroes are said to be the instigators, has caused the police department of South Bend to begin a crusade against all persons who are loaing on the streets or in public places.

Columbus.—The price of new corn on the Columbus market recently was 55 cents a bushel, and local dealers predict it will fall lower. There is little of the crop moving as farmers are holding it for a higher price, and are selling only what they cannot place in cribs because of lack of room. Some dealers in southern Indiana are said to be offering 50 cents for the new corn crop.

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Seymour.—The members of the Jackson County Farmers' federation have formed a shipping association for the handling of live stock. The county has been divided into three units and a manager appointed for each. Farmers having live stock ready for delivery will inform the unit manager, who will advise them when the car will go forward. The manager will receive a small commission for his work. The freight and other expenses will be prorated according to the weight of the individual shipments. The plan, it is said, is especially favorable for small shippers who heretofore have been required to sell to buyers at unsatisfactory prices. Large shippers either had a carload of their own stock or were able to sell to better advantage because of their knowledge of market conditions.

Goshen.—Smallpox is so prevalent in Goshen that Dr. J. N. Hurty of Indianapolis, state health commissioner, has communicated with Dr. Albert J. Irwin, city health officer, and other authorities, urging general vaccination orders. At one time recently there were 80 cases of the disease in Goshen and vicinity. Persons broken out with smallpox were found attending schools and working in factories. Recently there were 40 smallpox quarantines in effect in the city. Most of the cases were in light form.

Terre Haute.—The opinion was expressed by Indiana bituminous coal operators that the ruling of the Federal court in Indianapolis enjoining the Indiana food and fuel commission from compelling allocation of Indiana mined coal would make inoperative the further orders of the commission. In expressing this view Phil Penna, secretary of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' association, also predicted that Indiana consumers would have more and cheaper coal than heretofore has been available.

Noblesville.—Farmers in central Indiana are experiencing trouble in getting men to help gather their corn. It is estimated that half the corn in this section of the state is yet in the fields, and the farmers would like to crib it before bad weather. Most of them are offering 7 to 8 cents a bushel and a few 10 cents a bushel. At this rate the average corn husker could earn from \$7 to \$9 a day, but as a rule the men are not to be found even at those wages.

Lafayette.—Sheriffs from 25 counties throughout Indiana met in Lafayette with William W. Weinhardt, sheriff of Tippecanoe county, and prepared a plan which they will present to the legislature at the coming session, asking for substantial increases in salaries and fees. The sheriffs, who attended the meeting, said that they were so underpaid that they cannot even meet their running expenses with the salaries and fees they are receiving.

Corydon.—Miss Ida Luther of Webster township, Harrison county, has been engaged this fall in hauling stones for a gravel road which is being constructed past her father's farm. She picks up "nigger heads" on the farm and hauls them to the roads for the first course in construction. She drives the team, does all the work in loading and unloading stone, and makes from \$10 to \$12 a day at the work.

South Bend.—Deputy United States marshals in South Bend served subpoenas on more than 100 persons who are alleged to have knowledge of a whisky ring operating in South Bend. The subpoenas are to be answered December 20 and 21 in United States District court at Indianapolis. South Bend is alleged to be a clearing station for whisky between Windsor, Canada, and Chicago.

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Indianapolis.—John Barbasette, Republican presidential elector-at-large, who headed the ballot, received 696,370 votes in the election November 2, according to the tabulation completed by an accountant in the office of the secretary of state. Louis C. Huesmann, the other Republican elector-at-large, received 690,827.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Uncle Sam: The Poor Old Rich Fellow



imately \$8,000,000,000 in Victory notes, war saving securities, and treasury certificates of indebtedness will be due for payment within the next three years, treasury figures show.

Retention of the present aggregate levy of taxes, or maintenance of the annual revenue of the government at about \$4,000,000,000, then is held to be unavoidable on the face of average expenditures estimated for the period.

Recommendations to be made by Mr. Houston, it was understood, will propose abolition of the excess profits taxes in their entirety and the substitution thereof for a graduated income tax of a substantially deeper cut than under present revenue laws. It was believed the new income taxes would apply only to incomes above \$5,000 annually and that provision would be made for a graduated increase even on the additional tax as the amount of income grows larger.

The secretary is expected to advise congress that the strictest economy in federal appropriations is necessary if the program outlined on the basis of \$4,000,000,000 tax bill is to be accomplished.

New Administration to Tackle Budget

WASHINGTON.—With the government likely to spend \$4,000,000,000 or more annually for years to come, the working out of an effective budget system will be one of the first tasks of the Harding administration. The bill establishing a budget system may be passed in advance of the inauguration of Senator Harding as president next March.

The Good-McCormick budget bill is pending before the senate, after having been passed by both houses last spring, vetoed by President Wilson and repassed by the house. As passed a second time by the house, a provision which the president objected to because he thought it encroached upon constitutional powers of the president with respect to the removal of officers appointed by him, was eliminated.

In case the bill is passed during the winter session in advance of March 4, there is a likelihood of the organization of a budget bureau before Senator Harding takes office as president. Under the bill the secretary of the treasury is made the director of the bureau while an assistant director is provided to be appointed by the president at a salary of \$10,000 a year. A general accounting officer is created headed by a controller general and assistant controller general appointed by the president.

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For example, 700 visitors, the majority of whom arrived in motorcars recently, stayed the night and dined and dined with wine free, but deliberately forgot to pay. The collection box at the entrance of the hospice contained only 15 francs when the crowd of visitors, among whom were several English and Americans, left.

The result was a most serious loss. —Geneva (Switzerland) Dispatch.

Cuticura Soap for the Complexion. Nothing better than Cuticura Soap daily and Ointment now and then as needed to make the complexion clear, scalp clean and hands soft and white. Add to this the fascinating, fragrant Cuticura Talcum and you have the Cuticura Toilet Trio.—Adv.

His Chief End in Life. There lived in an English town a wealthy but exceedingly "tight" old lady, who kept very few servants and paid them as little as possible.

Among these was an underfed, miserable-looking lad of fourteen, who answered the door, did the dishwashing, waited at table, weeded the garden, washed the dog and a few other things.

One day a visitor asked this lad: "Well, my boy, and what do you do around here?"

"I do