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THE INCOME TAX.

As evident of the radical change in sentiment in this country within the past few years, we would cite our readers to the evolution of the income tax. But a few years ago the man who would have proposed an income tax in Congress would have effectually signed his own political death-warrant. We had come to believe from more than a century's experience that indirect taxation was the only kind of taxation for which the American people would stand. Even in our state and municipal governments personal earnings play no part in the scheme of taxation and even personal property is largely exempt.

But the expenses of government mounted to unheard-of figures, it became evident that direct taxation would have to be resorted to, and the incomes of the land were selected as the best able to bear it. This tax was at first very light and only placed on very large income.

Gradually the limit has been lowered, until now all yearly incomes of \$1,000 for single men and \$2,000 for men of family must come to the help of their government.

But why the limit? Why should the man who makes \$999 a year be exempt from the tax simply because he failed to annex that odd dollar? He may be far better able to spare the money than the man who earns \$1,000 or even \$1,500 a year.

Getting right down to the gist of the matter, isn't any limit arbitrary and unjust? That depends entirely upon the light in which we view the matter of taxation. If we regard it as a burden, then perhaps we should set a limit under which no man should be asked to share in it. But is taxation entirely a burden? Isn't it rather one of our greatest privileges that we be permitted to share in the maintenance of the government that protects us and makes us what we are?

If we would go deep enough into this question of taxation we might discover that the aloofness with which many Americans view their government arises largely from the fact that they have never been made to feel that they sustained any real vital relation to that government; that it is an institution for which they are in no way responsible and to which they owe none but a negative allegiance.

Americans might well begin thinking of a universal income tax. It may come, and sooner than many of us suspect.

DON'T FORGET BELGIANS.

As has already been announced through our news columns, this is the week for helping the destitute people of Belgium by carrying all the old clothes you can spare for the worthy cause to the Red Cross Workers in this country. Mrs. F. G. James, of the local chapter, is the custodian of the clothes here. We give below a list of the clothing, etc., most desired by the Red Cross and it is the duty of every law-abiding citizen of Greenville to respond to this appeal. There is no one in the city who has not something that would be useful for these poor unfortunates across the sea. The things especially asked for by the Red Cross follow:

Men's Wear: Shirts (preferably of light colored flannels), undershirts, under drawers, trousers, coats, work-suits (overalls) suits (3-piece) shoes, overcoats, jerseys' sweatervest, socks, (sizes 10 1-2 and 11).

Women's Wear: Shirts, drawers, corset-slips, petticoats, blouses, shirts, overcoats, suits (2-piece) pinafores, shoes, cloth hats, knitted caps, stockings, (sizes 7 and 8) shawls.

Boy's Wear: Shirts, union suits, undershirts, trousers, coats, suits, shoes, overcoats, jerseys, socks (sizes 1 to 9).

Girl's Wear: Dresses, skirts, overcoats, night-dresses, drawers stockings (sizes 1 to 6), undergarments, petticoats suits 2-piece) blouses, shoes.

Boy's and Girl's Wear: Hoods capes, pinafores, woolen unionsuits.

Infant's Wear: Swanskin swaddling clothes,

cradle chemises, bodices, cradle dresses, bonnets, bibs, nickerchiefs, dippers, shoes, baby dresses, hooded cloaks, jackets, shawls, sweaters, socks. Miscellaneous: Bedticks, bed-sheets, pillow cases, blankets, buffers.

DRAFT 258.

The picture shown at White's Theatre last night entitled "Draft 258" ought to be exhibited in every moving play house in the United States, and its repetition would not be a bad idea say once or twice a week during the duration of the war.

This picture portrays what has and is still going on in this country. It is true to life and every American especially those who are weakkneed and inclined to be pessimistic, should see it, and if he did in all probability he would change his mind about conditions as he chooses to see them. It is surely one of the best productions seen in Greenville and it is to be regretted more of our citizens were not on hand. This picture was uplifting and if it don't arouse the patriotism of any one to the highest pitch then he has none in his make-up. Give us more pictures like Draft 258 and there will be less of Slackers and lukewarm folk amongst us.

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Expected To Make A Strong Showing

(By The United Press)

CHICAGO—Return of Michigan to Western conference athletics was one of the interesting things in connection with the Big Ten indoor track and field meet which began at Northwestern university today.

Michigan putting a team into the meet for the first time since 1906, was expected to make a strong bid for a place. The Wolverines pinned much of their hope on Johnson, a great hurdler, good in both the jumps and shotputter who will average better than forty feet.

Illinois and Chicago were generally conceded favorites and it was believed first place honors would lie between them when the points are totaled tomorrow night. Illinois has good men in all departments while Coach Stagg of the Maroons is expected to rely mostly upon his distance runners.

Avery Brundage, secretary of the managing committee reported today that 221 athletics had entered in the various events. Wisconsin had the heaviest entry with fifty-nine men on the squad.

Insane To Help State Celebrate

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The insane of Illinois will help celebrate the Centennial of the admission of the state into the Union. Plans are being made for pageants and other exercises commemorative of the one hundred years of statehood at the various state hospitals and these will be participated in by the insane patients, A. L. Bowen, Superintendent of Charities announced today. The development in the state's care of the insane and other dependents has been even more remarkable than the development of the state itself, Mr. Bowen declares, and he believes this progress can be shown best by the inmates of the institutions themselves.

"There are thousands of patients in the insane hospital who can act very creditably in pageants under the direction of attendants," Mr. Bowen said. "Moreover it will be beneficial to the patients as well as interesting to the public to engage them in this way. The pageants and exercises will treat particularly the history of the surrounding territory at each institution. This history can be developed in an impressive manner and among the insane there are many who have considerable histrionic ability."

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Respectfully,

Lloyd Horton.

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NOTICE TO ALL.

This is to notify any person having bills to be paid by County that they must have them in the office of Register of Deeds or County Auditor Office not later than the 25th of the month before the first Monday. Unless you do this you will not be paid until the following month. Also have purchaser to O. K. the bill.

By order Board of County Commissioners.

Mc. D. HORTON, Chairman.
H. S. RAGSDALE, Co. Auditor.
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