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SPEND BILLIONS FOR LUXURIES

Secretary of the Treasury Shows How Americans Can Save \$22,700,000,000.

CLEANED FROM TAX RETURNS

Carpets, Furs, Autos and Soap Classed With Gum, Candy and Rouge—\$750,000,000 Spent for Perfumery and Cosmetics.

Washington.—Cut out the chewing gum, lay off the cigarettes, pull the sweet tooth, drink only water, do without cosmetics, perfumes, cigars, tobacco, snuff, furs, carpets and such clothing luxuries as silk shirts; wash your face with yellow soap, ride the street cars instead of the autos and depend upon your own cultivated or uncultivated voice for music—and you will save \$22,700,000,000!

That, in effect, is the advice recently handed out by Secretary of the Treasury Houston to the 110,000,000 Americans, in the course of an economy article. His figures for expenditures upon so-called luxuries are compiled from federal tax returns and are probably, for that reason, not very far from the truth. Just how many persons might agree with Secretary Houston concerning his definition of what constitutes a luxury—for instance carpets, tobacco, automobiles and toilet soaps—is problematical. It is a definition similar to that famous hypothetical question—never answered—“when is a man drunk?” Likewise the war-time puzzle of “what is an essential industry?”

Here Are Our Luxury Expenditures.

However, the figures are interesting from the standpoint of knowing approximately what the American people do spend on things that they could do without and still go on living. The table of “luxury” expenditures arranged by Secretary Houston from the reports from the present internal revenue system, federal tax returns, and so on, follows:

Chewing gum	\$ 50,000,000
Candy	1,000,000,000
Cigarettes	800,000,000
Soft drinks, including ice cream and soda	250,000,000
Perfumery and cosmetics	750,000,000
Cigars	510,000,000
Tobacco and snuff	800,000,000
Furs	300,000,000
Carpets and luxurious clothing	1,500,000,000
Automobiles and parts	2,900,000,000
Toilet soaps	400,000,000
Pianos, organs and phonographs	250,000,000

Making Costs Still Higher.

According to comment in an editorial in the New York Journal of Commerce, which prints Secretary Houston's table of figures, “few persons would deny that of those items which have been specifically enumerated here, nearly all could be greatly reduced in amount without inflicting suffering or even inconvenience upon the population.

“The fact that the American public is spending such sums as these for the purposes mentioned gives point to the often repeated and often disregarded injunction to be guided by the policy of thrift at least to a reasonable extent in both personal and business expenditure,” says the editorial. “It also throws a glaring light upon the current complaints concerning the cost of living. If the nation can spend \$22,700,000,000 upon articles which in large part are purely luxuries, it evidently is not suffering from a depressed standard of living. While, on the other hand, it is obviously making things much harder for itself by drawing off the commodities, services and capital used in the production of this great volume of consumable goods which otherwise would go to make the necessities of life more plentiful and hence cheaper.”

REAL KISS IN CANDY STORE

Girl Is Given What She Asked For in New York, but Owner Is Fined.

New York.—Joseph Weiss, thirty-five and married, who runs a candy store at 489 East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, was arraigned before Magistrate Nolan in night court on a charge of disorderly conduct in having kissed eighteen-year-old Frances Heckler when she went into his store to buy some candy kisses.

Magistrate Nolan fined Weiss \$2, which he paid. The magistrate, in fixing the amount of the fine, said in a judicial aside to the clerk, “Kisses are cheaper now since the boys came back from the war.”

Miss Heckler was in night court in a state bordering on hysterics and testified that she had gone back to the counter at Weiss' invitation to select what she wanted when he put his arm around her and kissed her vigorously upon the mouth.

Harding—Editor, Printer

Warren G. Harding will be the first newspaper man to achieve the Presidency. What is the use of assuming any possibility of defeat to such a man of destiny as the one who took a nomination from such a set of adverse circumstances as those prevailing at the Chicago convention? There have been generals, lawyers, farmers, college professors and what not—but never an editor in all the long line. Yet it must be admitted that journalists in general have had more to do with the formulation of that public sentiment which lies at the basis of our government than any other one group. Is it not fitting that finally a newspaper man should be President of the United States?

Senator Harding is, moreover, a real and not a theoretical newspaper man. As a young man, with little previous experience except as a county school teacher, he took over a broken down paper in his home town of Marion, Ohio, and by years of hard work built it into one of the strong publications of his part of the country and wielded through it a state-wide influence, resulting finally in his election to the lieutenant governorship of his state and to a United States senatorship.

As a publisher and editor, Mr. Harding not only wrote the editorials and news matter for his paper but solicited the “ads” and looked after all the details of the business and mechanical end of the publication. He learned to set type and to make up the forms, and today when he returns to Marion, likes to take off his coat, go into the composing room, and turn a hand with his fellow printers. When he entered public life, Mr. Harding reorganized his paper on a cooperative basis. Stock was distributed free to employees of the paper, including the mechanical force.

Mr. Harding has never forgotten the merchant who gave him his first advertisement, thus giving him a start on his business career. At the Chicago convention of 1916 he showed great anxiety to meet and greet this man, who had removed to a distant state. And this suggests that the human side of Harding is destined to cut considerable figure in the present campaign. People like the picture of this Ohio man of the people, this friendly neighbor and hard working business man, circulating about among the merchants of his town soliciting business, or working in shirt sleeves with the printers in his office as one of the boys. Warren G. Harding is a regular fellow. The people are tired of stuffed shirt statesmen posing on a pedestal and knowing no more of what is going on in the everyday man's mind than the everyday man knows of Saeskrit. Warren G. Harding, because he is human to the core, is going to be an enthusiasm-arousing candidate and a President beloved by the people as only McKinley was.—National Republican.

Tar Heels Mailed to Court.

Richmond, (Special).—J. K. Williams, 33, and S. D. Spurrier, 18, both of Charlotte, were in police court charged with operating automobiles without the proper state license, the cases going over.

They contend that their licenses were in accordance with law. When intercepted they were driving two cars home from a Detroit factory.

Four Durham men, charged similarly, decided to pay fines, so as to proceed on their way with their cars without unnecessary delay.

Hon. A. E. Holton to Speak Here Monday

The opening gun in the big senatorial contest to be waged in North Carolina this year will be fired at Yadkinville next Monday when Hon. A. E. Holton will address the people of Yadkin county in the court house at 11 o'clock. Mr. Holton is the nominee of the Republicans of North Carolina and they are expecting him to defeat Senator Lee S. Overman who has served several terms.

Mr. Holton has been gathering facts and information for the coming struggle for several weeks and besides being a good speaker he has an abundance of food for speaking material. He is a forceful speaker and a campaigner of the old school and the fact that he has selected Yadkinville as the place of delivering his first speech is worthy of note and goes without saying that he will have a tremendous crowd here to hear his speech. Mr. Holton will devote a great part of his speech to the qualities and disabilities of the revaluation act and he handles it with gloves off, showing the unmerciful discrimination made against the farmer and poor man and in favor of the classes.

Favorable For Cotton

Washington, July 16.—Cotton made favorable progress during the past week in all sections of the belt, benefiting generally from moderate temperatures and some moisture, the department of agriculture reported today in its weekly weather and crop bulletin.

Excellent progress was reported from North Carolina, and fairly good advance from South Carolina. In Georgia, fair developments were recorded, the report states, with plants fruiting well, although continuing to show light growth. While heavy rains have unfavorably affected the crop in parts of Florida causing shedding of fruit and increased weevil activities, some improvement was shown, the report added.

Roasted in a Prayer

Chicago, July 15.—Rev. Geo. C. Richmond of St. Louis opened the forty-eighters' convention with a prayer that was received with cheers.

“We are not concerned about heaven and hell,” he said. “It is this world in which we are interested. As Jesus failed, so do we.”

The prayer charged that candidates “take orders not from Jesus but from Wall Street,” that the Democratic party has sold out to the forces which face moral ruin and spiritual dissolution. In Illinois, he said, “the overman and his parasites are cursed by plutocratic selfishness.”

He added, “We are corrupt, mean, low-visioned and selfish. Forgive us, O God, and, in the great revolution now coming, save us from dissolution.”

Dog Showering Her Mother Love on Lambs

Louisville.—L. S. Downs, residing near Midway, has a dog that has taken the custody of two baby lambs and is showering all her mother love on the wards. The canine's puppies were taken away from her, whereupon she immediately took charge of the lambs and is with them almost constantly.

Bitten By a Snake

Mount Airy, July 15.—While the children of Roy Venable, a farmer living in the Little mountain section were playing on the kitchen floor yesterday, a large and venomous snake entered the house, frightened the children and twice bit the 14-months-old baby on the hand. The parents at the time were at work in the adjacent garden, and the screams of their children brought them immediately to the rescue, but not before the snake had buried its poisonous fangs deep into the child's hand. The injured boy was hurried to the hospital here, where small hopes are held out to the distracted parents of saving the child's life.

Revenue officer T. D. Hatcher of this city today brought in a complete 40-gallon copper still, captured at the head of Mitchell river, near the Tom Thompson farm.

Bickett Issues Proclamation

Governor Bickett's call for the special session of the North Carolina General Assembly for August 10 was made yesterday. The session is called for the purpose of considering work done by the State Tax Commission under the Revaluation act.

If the Governor expected the General Assembly to take up the suffrage ratification issue he made no reference in his proclamation. He will, of course, ask the legislators to ratify the Susan B. Anthony Federal suffrage amendment in the event that a resolution to ratify is introduced. The call prescribes the following matters which are to be considered:

- 1 To prescribe such tax rates as may be wise and just in view of the actual value of the property in the State as ascertained by the Revaluation act.
- 2 To consider constitutional amendments reducing the tax rates that may be hereafter devised.

To consider such other matters of importance to the public as the General Assembly may deem wise.”

Industrial Leaders

Winston-Salem is the largest city in State and is the largest tobacco and men's underwear manufacturing city in the world. Greensboro has the largest Denim mills in the world.

Durham has the largest hosiery mills, and is the second largest tobacco manufacturing city in the world.

Wilson is the largest bright tobacco market in the world. Babin has one of America's largest aluminum plants.

High Point is the world's second greatest furniture manufacturing city. Kanapolis has the largest towel factory in the world.

Gastonia has more cotton mills than any county in the United States.

Asheville has the finest hotel in the world and is one of the most famous summer and winter resorts in the United States.

Wilmington is one of the leading sea ports in the U. S. The above is taken from a bulletin published by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and we believe it will be of interest to many of our readers; and especially to teachers and pupils of our schools. Through his generous assistance, Elkin has the largest blanket manufacturing plant in the State.

Big School Problem Was Discussed Here

A proposition of building a large school building and concentrating several districts here is just now engaging the attention of voters and business men of Yadkinville and vicinity.

An educational rally was held in the court house Saturday night at which plans were discussed by local people and also by Hon. A. E. Holton and Judge Stephenson of Winston. A packed court house of good listeners was present to hear the matter discussed and interest in the matter is running high.

It is by far the largest educational move made in this section in many years. An outline of the move is about as follows: It is proposed to lay off a district five miles wide in every direction from the court house and enter every school in this boundary in one big school at Yadkinville, then vote \$100,000 in bonds to build a magnificent building which will hold all the children in this radius and more, which the promoters say will be the largest of its kind in this country; at the beginning of the school term employ closed heater motor busses to bring the children in each morning and carry them home in the afternoon.

It will be seen that this is one of the largest undertakings this community ever had and the expense of such a plan will be enormous. The reason for the movement is given as the shortage of teachers; in this consolidation of many districts a saving of many teachers will be made.

A forecast of what the community will do cannot be given and we think it will take a lot of thinking before one would commit himself to such a large undertaking.

There is no doubt this community needs a good school.

Letter To Carranza

Mexico City, July 15.—The newspapers print today what purports to be a copy of a letter from Von Eckhardt, former German minister to Mexico to the late President Carranza. The letter dated November 10, 1919, reads in part as follows:

“Respectful thanks for your greetings, which have been my only joy since I left your country. Dr. Kram Heller, former advisor to President Carranza, has had much success regarding relations with Mexico, and I think he can do much for emigration to Mexico.

“The situation here is difficult, but but I think we shall soon overcome our obstacles and that the nation will be as strong as ever. What is happening in Europe today is not final. Great modifications are expected and we hope that Mexico, your strong hand, will continue our friends.”

Notice To All Dog Owners

In checking up the list I find about one third who haven't paid their dog tax. The law says they must be paid during November and all persons failing to do so this have violated the law and are subject to indictment. You who haven't paid please arrange to do so AT ONCE.

C. E. M. OXLEY, Sheriff.

Miss Mary Hutchens Becomes a Bride

Gastonia, July 17.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Chapman of this city was the scene of a beautiful wedding on Saturday when Miss Mary Hutchens became the bride of T. Clinton Lingerfeldt, both of Bessemer City, N. C.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. A. Matherson, pastor of west airline M. E. Church in the presence of a number of intimate friends and relatives. The beautiful and impressive ring ceremony was used. The bride was dressed in a beautiful traveling suit of navy blue tricotine with accessories to match.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hutchens, formerly of Yadkin county, and is a charming young lady of the western part of the state, and deservedly popular with a large circle of friends. She is a young woman of culture and beauty of unusual type; being one of North Carolina's worthy school teachers.

Mr. Lingerfeldt is a graduate of the University of Chattanooga; he also holds a degree from Teacher's College, Washington, D. C. On completion of study with these institutions he immediately entered the teaching profession. Soon after the outbreak of the war with Germany he enlisted the U. S. Army and saw more than two years service during the world war, serving fourteen months overseas.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom left for an extended trip in western North Carolina. After a honeymoon in that part of the state the couple will make their home with the bride's parents who have been friendly related with the groom for life. The attractive young couple have contracted to teach in Henderson county for the coming year.

World to End August 4

Marion, Ohio, July 16.—Sen. Warren G. Harding has been warned in a letter from an astrologer of Orona, Me., that both he and Gov. Cox may as well suspend their campaign efforts now because after August 4 there isn't going to be any more world. The letter says: “August 4, 1920, the sun and moon, Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune will be on one side of the world, with Uranus in a continuation of the line on the other side.

“Isaiah xiii, 13, will be fulfilled and the nations who participated in the world war will be submerged by the Atlantic Ocean.”

Regardless of what Governor Cox may do, the Harding headquarters will keep open.

Full Development Urged

New York, July 15.—“Full development of the nation's resources, intelligent use of the ballot and unswerving belief that this country is going up and not down were named by Franklin D. Roosevelt as the factors that will bring the greatest benefit to this country, in an address at the Bowery mission here today. Mr. Roosevelt declared a conservative national policy was not wanted by those who had a knowledge of America's untouched natural wealth and advocated harnessing all available resources to secure a “bigger and better country.”