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#### ROWAN MAN ATTACKS MOTHER WITH HATCHET

Theodore Corriher Ordered to Inmate Hospital—The Aged Woman Severely Slashed. Salisbury, July 6.—Mrs. Margaret J. Corriher, of Enochville, Rowan county, 83 years old, the widow of L. B. Corriher, is in the Salisbury hospital badly injured and a son, Theodore Corriher, who was charged with having attacked her, is in jail and has been ordered committed to the State hospital at Morganton. An unmarried sister of Theodore and daughter of Mrs. Corriher has also been ordered committed to the State institution.

inches, breaking both the lower and upper jawbone on one side. Eight teeth were knocked out.

While Mrs. Corriher is eighty-three years old, she has a wonderful constitution and physicians think she will recover. Theodore was an inmate of the State hospital fifteen years ago.

**Alexander's Buried Treasure.** When Alexander the Great was marching against the Persians in 331 B. C., a part of his army wintered on the shores of the Caspian Sea. There is a legend that he hid all his gold, royal possessions and spoils of war somewhere in the vicinity to keep them from falling into the hands of the mutineers. The Archeological Society of the Republican of Azerbaijan has begun a search for this treasure. It is believed to be buried about sixty-five miles from the city of Baku.

There are no historical data on the subject as to the location of the treasure, but an old man eighty years old living at Abdreeka says he owns an ancient map which was stolen from a Turkish sultan many years ago. This map, he says, indicates that the treasure was buried near his village. Whether or not the archeologists locate the treasure, it is believed that they will at least excavate many valuable relics throwing light on the peoples and nations which inhabited the country before the time of Christ.

Growing coconuts in the West Indies is not a profession that has attracted many women. But Miss Nellie Hamel-Smith, a young English woman, says it is "the ideal life." She employs sixty native laborers and operates over a hundred acres devoted to coconuts.

#### OUT OUR WAY

BY WILLIAMS



THE STORM BEFORE THE CALM.

J. WILLIAMS

## Stewart's Washington Letter

BY CHARLES P. STEWART

WASHINGTON—Taxation theory and taxation practice are two mighty different things.

The theory, as pointed out in a preceding article, is that taxes should be just sufficient to support efficient but economical government, and be divided up in proportion to people's ability to pay. In practice, efficiency and economy are possible, but by no known means can the burden be equitably distributed.

**M**OST of the state and lesser governments throughout this country depart, in practice, from the whole taxation theory. They can't distribute the load fairly, practically without exception they're wasteful and few of them are efficient.

**F**ROM the standpoint of economy under President Coolidge, does pretty well. Budget Director Lord plans to hold the coming fiscal year's expenditures down to three billions. The last pre-war year figure was a billion and nearly 179 millions. Considering that a dollar is worth only three-fifths what it was worth then and that interest's being paid on more than twenty billions and a half of war debts, this isn't bad, let taxpayers kick as they may.

Whether the federal government's efficient or not is a matter of opinion. My own is, as stated in the first article of this taxation series, that it's better than the electorate has any right to expect, from the way it votes and doesn't vote.

**B**UT the most conspicuous way in which taxation theory and practice fall to bits is in the matter of distribution of the burden in proportion to the taxpayers' means.

In the very nature of things the relatively poor man is soaked with practically the whole load while the rich one carries hardly any. Why? Because the former controls the sources of supply of all the necessities, comforts and luxuries of life, and before he hands

them over to the "ultimate consumer," includes his taxes in the prices he charges for his stuff—so that the relatively poor, as an overwhelming majority of "ultimate consumers," foot the bill.

**T**O be sure, the rich man is an "ultimate consumer" himself, but he's only one individual, at that. Three meals a day, one smoke at a time, a single suit of clothes at once are about his limit, just as they're the limit of anybody else.

He may eat a little better food, smoke Havanas instead of a pipe and have some extra raiment in the closet at home, but nothing like enough to offset the advantage inherent in his ability to pass his taxes along to someone farther down the line.

**T**HE government, as well as the people, dislikes an income tax, because it's recognized as a tax. Those who pay it want to know what's being done with the money they distinctly recall having dug up.

It makes 'em critical. In that lies its one merit. It's only theoretically fair for it's passed on down from above, like any other tax. But it does result in a sharper public scrutiny of pork barrelism than an indirect tax.

**T**HE tariff, in addition to its "protective" features, is a nice tax, from the government's standpoint, because it works subtly. It doesn't figure as a tax.

One reason why President Coolidge turned down the Tariff Commission's recommendation for a reduced sugar impost was that it would cost the government forty millions, which would have to be replaced by "some kind of a tax." As if the increased sugar prices the public antes up, because of the duty, weren't a tax!

**T**HE treachery in the tariff is that its amount can't be estimated, as a tax.

The government gets from a about a half billion a year. But its increased cost of living, it represents—God knows how much more. It's supposed to filter back into the government's hands, it devious ways. But does it? Again, God knows!

#### PROHIBITS UNNECESSARY TALKING BY MEN IN ARCTIC

MacMillan Thinks Men in Arctic Get Along Better if They Do Not Talk Much.

Chicago, July 7.—It is not the cold, a lack of food or the loss of modern conveniences which made a trial of an Arctic expedition. It is solitude. The men get talked out. Commander Donald B. MacMillan on the expedition now en route expects radio to be a great relief, but will not appreciably lessen his system of discipline in inter-personal communication.

On previous trips MacMillan has forbidden members of the party to talk to each other during the day or at dinner time, and to keep away from each other as much as possible.

"The isolation of that vast region soon exhausts all timely resources," MacMillan explained. "It is not long before the men know the life history of each other, that of their families and relatives and virtually everything else in connection with the ordinary man's life. When those subjects have ceased to be topics of conversation and the few other sources have played out, the men become a bore to each other. That leads into an unfortifiable morose. So we talk as little as possible and keep our counsel by being aloof."

Radio was taken by MacMillan into the Arctic for the first time last year after studying for a long time whether it would be for better or worse. Eugene

F. McDonald, Jr., of Chicago, in command of the Peary, as well as chief of radio on this expedition, had suggested radio as a means of combatting this isolation. But MacMillan thought that homesickness might be a different evil because of the contact with the world or that bad news from the family might seriously upset the morale of the party. Space was found in the crowded Bowdoin for radio equipment and MacMillan decided to give it a try. It caused none of his anticipated results but filled a keen want. Dinner time in the Arctic became an occasion of entertainment and gossip, rather than a period of quiet and sobered eating.

One of the radio incidents which MacMillan remembers as distinctly as some of his scientific discoveries, was an evening during the Christmas holidays when, unannounced or prearranged, the instrument picked up the voice of his sister. He did not hear her name announced or the station from which she was talking. He only recognized her voice. It was checked up later to find it was Mrs. Leticia Fogg, broadcasting a greeting to her brother.

American heiress nowadays are receiving an elaborate "finishing" education. Ten of them recently sailed for Europe on a tour which will cost their parents \$5,000 a head.

The skeleton in the average closet is in the bank book instead.

#### EVERETT TRUE

BY CONDO



WELL, WELL—ANOTHER ARTICLE ON THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION. WHEN WILL THEY GET THROUGH DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT, ANYHOW?



DON'T YOU FIND IT PRETTY HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE HUMAN RACE EVOLVED FROM SOME LOWER ORDER OF DUMB ANIMALS?



I DON'T FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR ANCESTORS ALWAYS TALKED!!!!

#### MOMN POP

BY TAYLOR



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WELL, ARE YOU SURE YOU GAVE THE BASS TO THE MEN AND THE SOPRANO TO THE WOMEN? GOSH—I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!

#### MISS RUTH TUCKER IS TREASURER OF LENOIR

Named by County Commissioners to Succeed John H. Dawson, Retired Because of Health.

Kinston, July 6.—Miss Ruth Tucker was named treasurer of Lenoir county today when John H. Dawson, 78, who held the office for many years, resigned. She is private secretary of John C. Dawson, State Democratic chairman and former speaker of the House of Representatives, a son of the retired treasurer. Poor health was the reason for Mr. Dawson's resignation. Another county officer here, the auditor, is a woman, Miss Katie Cobb was appointed to the place last year.

#### Modern Life Suicidal

Many of the prominent physicians of the world who gathered at the medical congress held in London agreed that the strain of modern civilization is killing the human race. "Every doctor must agree," declared Dr. Charles Mayo, president of the congress, "that the pace of modern life is serious, causing many of our present-day ills. A return to the simple life would do away with the necessity for many doctors." Dr. William Peck, also an American, said: "Modern life is terribly harmful with the mania for overwork and overplay. Unfortunately it is the man higher up who dies—the big banker and business man! All the best and greatest citizens are killing themselves before their time."

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