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DEMAND TO SEE GIRL AND SHOT BY FATHER

Two Men Shot in Iredell and Two Arrests Made—Warned By Dillard Jarvis.

Statesville, July 9.—Two young men each received a load of shot and two arrests were made yesterday following a night ride participated in by four young men who called at the home of Dillard Jarvis about 10:30 at night and demanded the privilege of seeing his daughter. Mr. Jarvis lives in Iredell county, five miles north of Statesville on the Wilkesboro highway. Of the quartet of young night adventurers who dared to invade the precincts of a private home, Arthur Bunch, of Blackville, S. C., is in the Davis hospital in a serious condition, having received at

close range a full load of shot in his face, head, neck and breast; John Sipes is in the Iredell county jail; Raymond Fox gave a \$500 bond for his appearance in Recorder's court; Arthur Fox, the only unmarried man in the party, made his escape to parts unknown.

It is admitted by one of the young men that they were drinking when they drove to the Jarvis home and called for two of the young men appeared before the house about 10:30 at night and demanded to see his daughter. He told the boys that the girl was in bed and they could not see her. The boys insisted on seeing the girl, but were repeatedly refused. A few minutes later all four re-enforced the demands to see the daughter and when refused again, they began making threats and proceeded to throw

rocks at the house. After giving the invaders warning that he would shoot if they kept on and seeing that his warnings were fruitless, Mr. Jarvis let John Sipes have the first load of shot in his face, head and neck. This did not stop the invasion and Arthur Bunch got a full load at close range in his breast, head and neck. This was effective and the party then turned back toward Statesville for hospital treatment for the two wounded members. It was found that Sipes' wounds were not very deep, but Bunch did not fare so well, and his condition is considered very serious. Charges of forcible trespass will be brought against the young men in court.

The first Sunday-school in America is said to have been founded at Beverly, Mass., in 1810.

Stewart's Washington Letter.

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Washington—What may this country expect in the way of tax changes in the next few years?

It can feel perfectly sure of a lot of talk about reduction, and almost equally sure of higher taxes.

Federal taxes are coming down. There's no bluff about that. State, county and city taxes are increasing steadily.

The former are not being cut and nobody has a right to ask that they be cut so fast as the latter are rising.

What does it profit the taxpayer to have a few per cent lopped off his federal burden if twice that many per cent are added onto his local burden?

Income taxes almost certainly will be trimmed by another 25 per cent next winter. This doesn't necessarily mean, however, that the amount of moderate income will be relieved another 25 per cent, on top of his last year's relief.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is determined to give a large share of the benefit this time to sur-taxpayers—a little of it to the smaller fry, but most of it to the big fish.

How this will come out nobody knows yet. There'll be a per capita decrease, but some millions of people may not come in on the per capita. Next December will tell, most likely.

There'll be further decreases after next winter, scattered along over several years, but they'll be more gradual, except in certain contingencies.

Luxury taxes—as on automobiles and

and supplies, jewelry and theater tickets—will dwindle, bit by bit, to nothing. Income tax exemptions will be increased slowly.

It's rather a wild guess—which is the best anybody can make—but perhaps the federal load will be lightened, in the absence of any of the contingencies referred to, by 30 per cent, all round, in the course of six or seven years.

The contingencies? Well, the United States has about 12 billions in debts outstanding in Europe and is getting nothing, principle or interest, on approximately eight billions of it.

If this matter is fixed up, and the debtors begin turning in the interest and making a few inroads on the principle, it will help materially.

Then there's America's own war in indebtedness, almost entirely internal—but it has to be paid, for all that.

Its principal has been reduced since 1919 from about 26 to about 20 1/2 billions. The excess interest, as it continues—still less interest.

Now, as to state, county and city taxes, which offset these federal reductions. Local levies from state on down, were \$13.91 per capita the country over in 1912, which was an increase of more than 50 per cent in ten years, and in 1922 the per capita was \$32.25, or an increase of nearly 132 per cent in two decades.

The state, county and cities weren't paying their bills as they went along, either. Their indebtedness per capita, were \$22.73 in 1902 and in 1922 \$70.90 nearly a 288 per cent increase.

A MOUNTAINOUS INDEBTEDNESS

Charlotte News.

Who is going to pay back all the money that the various states of the American Union owe today, and what are they going to pay it with?

These are pertinent questions to be raised in connection with the presentation of the mountainous bonded indebtedness that has been piling about the neck of the American commonwealths. It is a pertinent question to be asked in North Carolina, a state that is right out in front with the rest of them in piling up its indebtedness.

The State governments of the United States have increased their bonded debt fifty per cent within the last three years, according to a nationwide survey of State finances just completed by the Bank of America, New York. The huge debt now amounts to \$1,558,742,433.38 or \$13.80 for every man, woman and child in the country.

North Carolina ranks fourth in the size of the state debt, and third in the per capita rate of this debt.

New York State's population, prosperity and great permanent improvements are reflected in its bonded debt, which aggregates \$320,991,000. The cost of its canal system, highways and bounties to war veterans, gives it the largest total debt of any state, although its per capita debt is comparatively low. Massachusetts is second with \$125,046,961.98, of which a large proportion represents the value of its metropolitan district improvements and highways.

Following these are Illinois with a debt of \$112,071,100, North Carolina with \$105,847,000, California with \$80,158,000 and Michigan with \$82,500,000. Kentucky, Nebraska and Wisconsin have no bonded indebtedness. Kentucky owing \$5,970,000.08 on outstanding warrants and Wisconsin being indebted only to its trust funds to the extent of \$1,963,700.

The highest per capita debt of any state in the union is that of South Dakota, the share of each inhabitant being \$93.35, nearly six times as great as the national per capita debt. Oregon is second with \$72 per capita, North Carolina third with \$38.87, Delaware fourth with \$36.76, North Dakota fifth with \$36.67 and Massachusetts with a per capita debt of \$30.00.

The per capita debt in North Carolina is around \$10, not far from the per capita debt of the Middle Atlantic group of states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Of course, the per capita wealth in

North Carolina has vastly increased also within the last few years, and, perhaps, in proportion as the per capita indebtedness of the state, but a commonwealth, such as North Carolina that is just beginning to cash in on its resources, and that owes more than \$100,000,000 of borrowed money—money that must be paid by somebody, some time, and a debt that is requiring more interest to keep up than the entire income of the state, amounted to only a little while ago, can not wisely shut its eyes to the financial effect this situation will have upon the future.

This newspaper is aware of the fact, in this connection, that a large part of this indebtedness is in the form of road bonds that are being taken care of by selected classes of the people, that those who own and drive automobiles are largely liquidating on their own account, but, even so, it is a debt, mountainous enough to challenge the apprehension of the present generation as to what will be its effect upon the next.

It's Better Anyhow.

Charlotte News.

The general health of the people of the nation has improved.

The ardent prohibitionists claim that the Volstead act has accounted for it. Medical associations will probably, and with pardonable pride point to the accomplishments in medicine and in surgery, as another accounting factor.

The recreational leaders would, no doubt, contend that the development of out-of-doors exercise and pleasure-giving amusements for the masses, has been a potent factor in this desirable achievement.

Whatever the cause people are better, physically, than they used to be, and the statistics prove it.

The death rate has fallen from an average of 13.92 per 1,000, the average for the years between 1913 and 1917—the latter, by the way, the last year of the licensed liquor regime—to an average of 12.3 for a like term of years since prohibition became effective. That looks as if the reign of dryness had done something to do with it, and very probably it has to a greater extent than anybody, except those who are rabid in their passions for the cause, have believed.

Modern Needs.

"Let's play house," suggested little Dorothy.

"All right," agreed her brother, "Go and get daddy's check book."

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