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## STATISTICIAN FIGURES LOSS ON ACCOUNT OF INCOME TAX

ROGER W. BABSON, ADVISER TO  
AMERICA'S ABLEST EXECUTIVES  
GIVE FIGURES

Wellesley Hills, March 22, 1921.—People little realize what the income and other Federal taxes are doing to kill prosperity and enterprise. The bank clearings, building permits, and other figures now coming out for the two weeks preceding March 15th (when the Federal Tax Statements were due) indicate that the time which 5,000,000 people have given simply to preparing these reports resulted in a loss of about \$1,000,000,000 in sales, \$550,000,000 in manufacturing, and \$500,000,000 in other lines. If we add to these figures the time of bookkeepers, accountants, government tax officials, collectors, and inspectors whose work is wholly unproductive and who— from the economist's point of view— are simply parasites on the country, we have far greater losses.

But some say: "Think of the \$4,000,000,000 which the government will be able to spend this year." This is where we are all being fooled. If the making out of these returns and the collecting of the money did not cost one cent the country would not be any better off. The whole process is simply the "robbing of Peter to pay Paul," and the "robbing" costs the American people about \$2,000,000,000 a year in actual cash. And to this the psychological effect upon men of enterprise (I refer to the retarding, the dampening effect of this whole tax business on the ambitions and efforts of the men who play and promote great enterprises—the men who really make prosperity) and the losses above indicated must be multiplied many fold.

I believe in an income tax and know that Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams and his entire staff have handled a most difficult problem in a most efficient and impartial manner. The American people, however, should not fool themselves as to what a drag our present tax system is on prosperity.

## BUSINESS ETHICS UNDER STRAIN WITH SO MUCH CONTRACT CANCELLING

Washington, March 21.—Attention of the Department of Commerce is to be given to the problem of cancellation of contracts for American exports by foreign buyers, Secretary Hoover indicated Saturday. Price declines have been responsible for the cancellations, officials said, as in some cases prices have dropped as much as 50 per cent on commodities between the date of contract and the date of delivery.

According to reports received by the department, it was said South American buyers cancel American contracts, Americans cancel British contracts, and the British in turn cancel American contracts, and so on in a circle all over the commercial world.

Business ethics, officials said, are strained to the breaking point by a contract which makes a buyer bear a heavy loss because of a sharp price decline some months after a purchase is made and before delivery can be made.

### WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Generally cloudy weather tonight and Wednesday. Cooler. Fresh northeast winds on the coast.

## Halifax Court News, Two Assault Cases

WHITE MAN CHARGED WITH  
ASSAULT ON NEGRO GIRL

Halifax, N. C., March 22.—In the criminal court now in session at Halifax, the case of Richard Aycock, a white man of Airlie, this county, was tried to-day on the charge of criminal assault on a fourteen year old negro girl named Bertha Sehorn. The jury, after a deliberation of thirty minutes, brought in a verdict of guilty of simple assault, but at time of this report no sentence had been imposed.

Another case tried this morning was that of J. A. Harris of Ringwood on a charge of assault on George Aycock of Ringwood. Harris was found guilty fined twenty five dollars and costs and required to pay plaintiff twenty five dollars.

The Bobbitt case was expected to be reached some time this afternoon, though at two o'clock it had not been called.

Judge Cranmer is presiding.

## BRITISH WOMEN DEMAND APPOINTMENT OF DIPLOMATS

WANT MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN  
SEX IN FOREIGN SERVICE

London, March 22.—British women are beginning to demand the appointment of members of their sex as diplomats in foreign services. They do not ask to be made ambassadors of ministers but there is no knowing how soon they may. At present they seem to be contented with suggesting that women be appointed as councillors, one to each British embassy.

The idea has been put forward by Professor Winifred Cullis of Cambridge University, who stated in an address before the English Speaking Union, that women could aid the British ambassadors and ministers in interpreting the points of view of people of other nations, now that women have a voice in the government. She also proposed that women should be sent on special diplomatic missions.

Unfortunately, she added, many ambassadors now are strongly opposed to such ideas.

### SOLVE HOUSING PROBLEM

Coblentz, March 22.—Three Germans of this city solved their housing problem in a queer way until the city authorities caught them at it a few days ago. They had installed them selves inside the giant figure of a horse bearing the statue of William I which stands at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers.

They gained entrance to the inside of the horse by discovering a loose copper plate on one of its sides. Within they had installed a bed and laid in a supply of a number of cases of wine and were making themselves very much at home until the authorities discovered them.

### THREE MILLION ORPHANS GIVEN STATE CARE

Berlin, March 22.—There are 3,000,000 war orphans in Germany according to official figures. They are being given state and local care but it is said they form a large percentage of more than 1,000,000 children in Germany being aided by foreign relief workers.

## ADVOCATE CANCELLATION DEBTS BETWEEN EURO- PEAN ALLIES

Leeds, Eng., March 22.—Sir Algernon Firth, President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, who has recently been in the United States, says the policy of Great Britain should be first to carry out arrangements for a cancellation of debts between the European Allies, without seeking to drive any bargain with the United States. The question of a cancellation of this country's debt to America can best, he thinks be left alone for the present. "Still," he said, "it is obvious that trade cannot resume its normal course until the load of debt which many of our Allies are staggering under at the present time, is removed, and when any question of cancellation of debt is considered, it should be made a condition that the parties to the cancellation should balance their budgets and stop any further issues of paper money."

## NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

(By Maxwell Gorman)

Raleigh, March 22.—Governor Morrison, who went to Charlotte the latter part of last week, will return to the executive office in a few days and according to reports current here, he will find the members of the Legislature his principal correspondents during his few days leave of absence.

It appears that both A. J. Maxwell and A. D. Watts, who are candidates for tax commissioner, have appealed to the Senators and members of the House to line up and write the Governor which aspirant they favor. A considerable number of legislators will probably decline to do so for two reasons. First because it is the Governor's business to select the appointee, and second, because many would be content with either Watts or Maxwell, "were 'tother dear charmer away." Another reason that could be advanced is that the Governor cannot fail to get the right man if he appoints either of these two. Not a few would prefer to have Maxwell's services on the Corporation Commission continued—he is needed there and should he relinquish that post it would be a misfortune for the State.

Reports revive to the effect that there may be several judges of the Superior Court who may retire on two-thirds pay, as provided for those who have seen long service on the bench, but there is nothing definite in that—except one or two vacancies may occur on the State Supreme Court bench in the course of time. In that case, although "report" has not yet said so, most people would expect the Governor to name Hon. Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, one of the ablest lawyers in the State, ex-solicitor, and one of the finest and most lovable of men, to one of the vacancies on the higher court—if Mr. Clarkson would accept it, which is said to be doubtful.

### COTTON MARKET

	2:30 P. M.
March	11.70
May	11.99
July	12.44
October	12.94
December	13.18

## DR. J. D. HUFHAM SERIOUSLY ILL

Friends of Dr. J. D. Hufham, who for so long has ministered to the people of this community, and who still holds a large place in the hearts of the old members of his congregation here in Scotland Neck, will be deeply grieved to read the following news item appearing in to-day's papers.

Mebane, March 22.—Dr. J. Dunn Hufham, the "Baptist Bishop" of North Carolina, is seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Singleton, in this place. Dr. Hufham made his home here about seven years ago. He is 87 years old.

## FOLLOW EXAMPLE AMERICA FORCE DECLINE IN PRICES

PORTUGUESE INDIGNANT OVER  
EXECUTIVE PRICES OF FOOD  
AND CLOTHING

Lisbon, March 22.—The Portuguese are attempting to follow the example of the Americans and force a decline in the excessive prices of food and clothing by refusing to purchase. The people are indignant at the continued advance of the cost of the necessities of living, particularly the price of codfish, which is the chief article of food for the poorer families. The city councils of Lisbon and Oporto are attempting to stop the exactions of the profiteers by purchasing large quantities of codfish from Newfoundland and selling it at one-third the price extorted from the public by shopkeepers. It is hoped that this will bring down not only the price of fish but that of meat.

The newspapers exhort the public to refrain from buying rice in order to bring down the price and announcements have been made of several cuts to come in that food.

The Portuguese public is looking to the United States to rescue them from their plight. Unverified rumors have been circulated that shipments of foodstuffs, clothing and shoes are on their way from America to flood the markets here at prices available to all. Many householders are refusing to buy at present prices saying, "I will wait until the American ships have come."

## FIGHT DRUG RING HEADED BY FOREIGNERS

(By Associated Press)

New York, March 22.—The opening of a fight to curb traffic of international drug ring said to be headed by business men of Germany, Japan and England announced by Dr. Carleton Simmons, special deputy police commissioner. The crews of six steamships are under surveillance.

### GERMANY REFUSES TO PAY BILLION DUE TOMORROW

Berlin, March 22nd.—Germany's reply to entente before March twenty third regarding payment of one billion marks gold to apply on account of reparations demanded by allies, will be in the negative, unofficially announced today. Official reply is expected within next forty eight hours. Germany was required by supreme allied council to pay one billion marks gold March 23 and ten billion more on May first next. The next move seems to be with allies. What action they will take next is a matter of speculation.

## NEW FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDERS

Raleigh, March 22.—A number of down-eastern Representatives yesterday passed through Raleigh en route to Greensboro, where this evening a special meeting of the Republican State Committee will meet, chiefly for the purpose of fixing a party slate for the various Federal Offices from which the present Democratic incumbents will soon be retired.

Prospects of a fight, however, does not diminish the chances of the original slate fixed up at a conference between National Committeeman Morehead and Frank A. Linney, State chairman.

That slate is:  
Collector of Internal Revenue—Gilliam Grisson, of Greensboro, Secretary of the Republican State Executive Committee.

United States Attorney, Western District—Frank A. Linney, of Boone, Chairman of the State Executive Committee.

United States Attorney, Eastern District—Irwin B. Tucker, of Whiteville, late candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the Republican ticket.

United States Marshal, Western District—Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, former member of the General Assembly.

United States Marshal, Eastern District—R. W. Ward, of Raleigh otherwise prominently mentioned as the prospective postmaster in Raleigh under the Harding administration. Jenkins, of Johnston, who was a candidate for marshal will get the eastern collectorship.

This ticket is not going through without some fun. Butler and Meekins, through the twin be far from one, are already in Greensboro for the fight. Meekins wants young William Duncan, of Raleigh, who has not been a factor in politics here, except as the son of E. C. Duncan, made collector of internal revenue and Butler wants among other things, to have his own brother, Major George Butler appoint United States Attorney, other than Irvin B. Tucker.

### VIVIANI LEAVES FOR HIS VISIT TO AMERICA

(By Associated Press)

Havre, March 22.—Rene Viviani who is proceeding to Washington on a special mission for the French government, was passenger aboard the steamer La Lorraine, which sailed from here Saturday. The former premier was accorded a reception at the City Hall, where he spoke, laying stress on the point that he would endeavor to prove that France was not imperialistic, nor dreaming of annexation.

The importance of M. Viviani's mission is becoming realized by the general public. He was received by President Millerand Friday and spent several hours in conference at the foreign office. A large crowd was at the Paris station to see him away, and the newspapers reflect the great importance the French government attaches to his visit to America.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

The following gentlemen attended a meeting of Enfield Chapter No. 52 Royal Arch Masons at Enfield last night: Messrs: Robert Johnson, Newsom Riddick, Henry Clark, and R. P. Coleman. Election of officers for second term was held, Dr. Ferdie Harrison of Enfield being elected High Priest.

## HAVANA PORT OFFICIALS BOARD AMERICAN SCHOONER

(By Associated Press)  
Havana, March 22.—Cuban port officials who boarded the American schooner, Benjamin VanBrunt for purpose of towing it to the docks after its Captain had refused to dock the schooner and unload its cargo until demurrage charges were paid, were attacked by a ferocious monkey, the animal biting the policemen so severely doctor's treatment was necessary. Officers of American Cruiser Minnesota warned captain VanBrunt against opposing the authorities.

### POLAND MAY GET MOVING DISTRICTS

(By Associated Press)

Paris, March 22.—The possibility of moving districts of western Southern Upper Silesia being given to Poland by the Allies, was commented upon by French newspapers, as a result of plebiscite which resulted in Germany gaining possession of Upper Silesia. Although Upper Silesia has been German for five hundred years, an election was recently held to determine whether the sentiment of the people was for Germany or Poland.

Disorders reported at Beuthen, where closeness of Upper Silesia plebiscite vote had led to discord and charges of fraud, some shooting occurred.

Berlin, March 22.—Notwithstanding returns showed that Germany had won by a large majority Polish enthusiasts held open air meetings and prayed for territory they believed had been regained for Poland.

### PROCLAMATION CALLING SPECIAL SESSION CONGRESS

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 22.—President Harding to-day issued proclamation calling a special session of congress to convene "to receive such communication as may be made by the executive." April eleventh, at noon, was set as the date.

## FIVE YEARS ON ROAD GIVEN STORE BREAKERS

The two negroes, Mike Jones, local character, and Tom Garner, apparently a bad character of other parts, who broke into Jossey Hardware Company's store about the first week in February, were given five years each on the roads by the Judge in Criminal Court in Halifax yesterday. As soon as Garner finishes serving his sentence here he will be turned over to Georgia authorities where he is under charges for car robbery in that State.

### DAY OF MOURNING PROPOSED IN GERMANY

Berlin, March 21.—Widespread agitation has begun for a national day of mourning for those who fell in the war. One of the proposals suggested to the Reichstag is that the day of mourning be held on the day the peace treaty was signed.

### GERMAN MOVIE PRODUCERS WANT TO EXCHANGE ACTORS

Berlin, March 22.—Moving picture producers of Germany and the United States are trying to reach an agreement for exchange of star actors and actresses, who have won to some favor in both countries, so that import and export duties on films would be avoided. German producers are particularly anxious to negotiate such an agreement in view of the great popularity of American films throughout Germany.