

### Heavy Income Taxes Imposed in Netherlands

#### Man With \$4,000 Income Pays More Than 27 Cent to Government and Municipality.

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In our country wages have gone up in the last few years according to the higher cost of living and although the retail prices are going down as they have all over the world they have not so much fallen as the wholesale prices and the wages are still on a higher level. The increase of wages has caused a tremendous increase of the expenses of the government and of the municipalities, for which increase the factors of importance also were the considerable expenses for allocations to unemployed and for providing houses as the housing problem in our country is a very serious one.

So it came that although Holland is not a militaristic country and does not keep a big army nor a powerful navy the budget of the government arose from about 238,000,000 guilders in 1913 to 938,000,000 guilders in 1922 and the total of the budgets of the municipalities rose from 279,000,000 guilders in 1913 to 850,000,000 guilders in 1918. A later figure is not available for me at this moment but I think that it will not be very much lower now. This big increase of expenses created a tremendous increase of taxes, for we think it necessary that budgets must be balanced, and so at this moment the man with an income of not more than \$4,000 pays more than 27 per cent on income tax to the government and to the municipality. As we have very strong progression in our taxes in Holland it is easy to understand that the people with big incomes pay much more.

Now being in this situation what would be the standpoint of a Netherlander with regard to the reconstruction of Europe? I say as a Netherlander because here I am talking simply in that quality and not as a representative of my government.

The first wish, of course, is to have the taxes cut down, but this is a rather internal affair. It may be that the cutting down of government expenses all over the world would help a great deal toward reconstruction.

With regard to foreign competition, there are two currents in our country, one wishes the government to take measures to restrict importation and the other one is opposed to that, being convinced that, without even restriction of importation foster the sale of home produce on the home market, export could not be helped by that, and the lack of export and the low prices which only could be got for exported products should make impossible amelioration of the general conditions in our country.

They think that an issue must be found not on nationalist but on international lines, that one country cannot be healthy when the others are sick and that for the health of the other countries much cannot be expected from partial measures but from restoration of sound conditions necessary for production in every country and removal of all unnecessary restrictions for the traffic between the different countries.

#### Courtesy to Woman Lands Automobile Thief in Jail

Detroit, July 1.—George Brown, alias Gurnley, 22, of Cleveland, employed in a downtown restaurant here, is in jail charged with stealing an automobile, because he was polite to a woman, a former coworker.

The woman, Mrs. H. Eaton, wife of a Cleveland patrolman, who, with her husband is honeymooning in Detroit, entered the restaurant for breakfast.

When Brown worked with her in Cleveland she was a "Miss." He went up and spoke to her. Mrs. Eaton recognized Brown as George Gurnley, who had stolen an automobile from the Searles Mercantile agency of Cleveland, where she had worked. She told her husband who the man was, and the Cleveland patrolman took Brown to the central station.

#### Man Regains Health by Returning to Primitive

Los Angeles, July 1.—Frank Hansen has a new way of cheating death. Told by physicians that he was rapidly approaching death, Hansen has regained his health by returning to the primitive life. Hansen is said to have lived like a wild man on Santa Cruz island off Santa Barbara channel, for 18 months, subsisting alone on mussels, abalones and fish. His only garment, it was said, was a bathing suit, which suffered considerably through hard usage.

It is claimed by two ship captains that Hansen attracted considerable attention because he made friends with wild foxes and bears found on the island.

#### Cultural Education Is Necessary, Says Speaker

Westfield, Mass., July 1.—Henry Turner Bailey, director of the Cleveland School of Art, speaking before the graduating class of the Normal school in this city, declared that "looting, loafing, gossiping and other forms of idleness activities would disintegrate the entire social system if the majority of working people had four hours of leisure time."

Bailey emphasized the need of making the most of leisure time, saying that the present level of intelligence would disrupt the entire country if people weren't kept busy. "A cultural education is as important as a practical education," he said.

#### French-Spanish Tariff Squabble Grows Bitter

Paris, July 1.—Bitter feeling has been aroused by Spain's latest move in the Franco-Spanish tariff squabble. Spain has raised duties 80 per cent for all countries whose money is depreciated as much as 70 per cent in relation to peseta.



### After 14 Years

After 14 years the asphalt paving laid by Hugh Murphy on Douglas street east from Sixteenth street is still withstanding the battering of downtown travel.

The paving is two inches of sheet asphalt laid on a 14-inch concrete base with an inch and a half of filler. It's almost as good as the day it was laid.

#### Rider's Legs Blistered by Motorcycle Exhaust

Bellaire, O., July 1.—William Yocum is applying salve to blisters on his legs. Between doses he is wondering why some one doesn't invent an automatic fire alarm system for use in notifying motorcycle riders when their trousers ignite.

He would even carry a can of water that would spray the pedal extremities when their temperature reaches a certain point, just as do the sprinkler systems in buildings.

While riding his motorcycle along Guernsey street, Yocum discovered that the exhaust had set his trousers on fire. Oil and gasoline had ignited.

Abandoning the machine, he ran to a garage, where he was "extinguished" by a car washer's hose. Drs. F. S. Wright and P. L. Ring dressed the burns. The motorcycle was completely ruined.

Just because father thinks daughter's military bill is excessive, he needs class her as a "do dad." Commercial-Appel (Memphis).

#### Unique School Record Held by Youngstown Girl

Youngstown, O., July 1.—Finishing her high school education at the age of 15 years, Miss Julia A. Ipar of this city, has a unique record.

When Miss Ipar graduated from Rayen High school here this month she completed a four-years' course in three and one-half years. She was numbered on a list of 19 honor students of this year's class, won a letter in girls' athletics and figured prominently in the school's social activities.

#### Divorced Man Must Work in Jail to Earn Alimony

Detroit, Mich., July 1.—Alfred J. Higgins will remain in the Detroit house of correction until he has earned \$386. And at \$12 a week, the amount inmates receive, he will probably stay for a long time.

The money is alimony due his former wife, Helen, for the support of his 8-year-old son, Alfred, jr. Mrs. Higgins told Judge Goff her husband had paid her nothing. Higgins was sentenced for contempt of court.

### Oil Leakage of Ships Killing Rare Sea Birds

#### Extinction of Specimens Will Follow Unless Preventive Measures Taken, Says Naturalist.

Berlin, July 1.—"Oil from ocean-going steamers kills sea birds by the thousands and soon will cause the extinction of the rarest specimens among them unless measures to save the fowls are taken at once," writes the foremost biologist of Germany, the government ornithologist of the Heligoland observatory, Dr. H. Weigold, in an article of the Hamburger Fremdenblatt.

"The pipes of the ship pumps are not tight," he states, "so hundreds of gallons of bad oil find a way into the water at open sea or at ports, thus covering the surface of the water with a thin skin of oil. Sea birds expecting to find something edible wherever they observe these oily spots, rush into them, moisten and soil their feathers with oil and can never get rid of it. It makes the feathers stick together so that the air no longer has access to their bodies. Air is indispensable for them to keep them warm. Most of the birds, getting in touch with oil catch a fearful cold, become tired, lose their strength and slowly fade away."

"In this way thousands of sea birds perish near ports on the California coast where oil is being unloaded. And since the war some 10 or 12 specimens of seabirds simply were

doomed to extinction in Heligoland bay, which was a naval base.

"Also, oil washed ashore, apart from destroying the spawn by preventing the access of vital oxygen, covers the breeding places of sea birds with a stratum of just a few millimeters which, however, are sufficient to render any food unfit to eat. Thus hundreds of guillemots, auks, divers and other rare birds were simply wiped out."

Soon or later, says the expert, the government will have to handle this important question, as some specimens of sea birds, apart from forming the delight of ornithologists of all countries, are very useful to the fishing trade.

If Conan Doyle could get into touch with John L., he probably would hear something worth while by way of an opinion of the heavy-weight championship monoco.—Detroit News.

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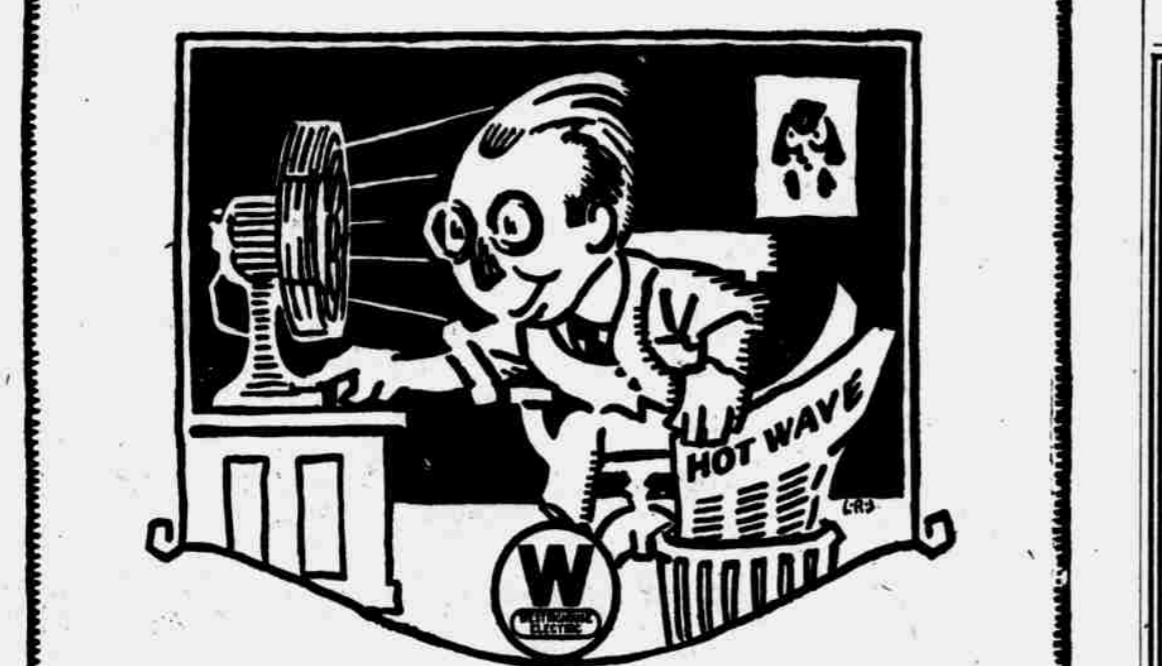
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### 14-Year-Old Bride Charges Husband With Nonsupport

Detroit, Mich., July 1.—Douglas G. Smylie, 19, son of Robert W. Smylie, prominent banker, is defendant against a nonsupport charge, sworn to by his 14-year-old wife, Reva. Douglas married Reva five weeks ago.

The youthful wife, blue-eyed and with black bobbed hair, appeared before Judge Faust and asked that the boy husband be arrested. Judge Faust authorized the warrant.

The charge is the culmination of a youthful romance. Smylie met the girl wife, Reva Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Dunn, while they were attending business college. Their friendship was quick and complete.

Finally Mrs. Dunn suggested marriage. The wedding took place and they separated after the ceremony.

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