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Can a Tax Be Made Painless?

The debate started by Secretary Mellon's statements before the ways and means committee is taking the expected course.

Mr. Green wisely opposes further borrowing in peace times. Tax collections ought to be made to cover the legitimate expenses of the government.

Heavier levies on incomes, both corporation and private, and on gifts and bequests are proposed by Mr. Green to make up the loss that will follow removal of the excess profits tax.

Mr. Mellon declares in favor of a general reduction in taxation, ignoring Mr. Mellon's warning that over four billions are needed to meet the government's requirements for the year.

The alternative to a continued high rate of taxation is further borrowing. To add another billion to the existing debt will have the anticipated effect of further decreasing the value of government securities.

The question to be settled is what form the tax will take. It may be made painless, but it will be presented in some unappealing form.

Scandal at Camp Johnson. Shocking disclosures are made in connection with conditions prevailing at the Johnson City home for tubercular soldiers.

To Avoid Coal Shortage. Household consumers are not the only ones who have been slow to lay in a winter supply of coal.

Doesn't that Colorado state treasurer who suggested to a certain manufacturer of motor cars that he ought to buy good roads bonds realize that a certain make of car is designed especially for riding the bumps?

ica report that 150,000 miners are now out of employment. This is due to the lack of market for fuel.

Feeble County Government. One of the noticeable things about the matter of the Lincoln highway paving is the agility with which blame is shunted from one official to another.

County government, through the nature of its organization, and not through any fault of the men filling its posts, is quite generally ineffective and blundering.

It is time the people began to examine this situation. The natural solution would then be plain. The only county offices that need be filled by election are those of the commissioners.

It is nothing in the life of an average citizen that he is afforded opportunity to vote for the numerous minor county officials.

Russians Must Be Fed. Sparring for points with the soviets is not going to solve the real question that confronts the world.

For in this connection, even if we waive the question of the consumer's equities and continue to consider industrial democracy solely from the viewpoint of the mutual relations between capital and labor, what would constitute true industrial equality and equity as between the latter?

Sergeant York's Farm. A note for a little more than \$4,000 will fall due on the farm of Sergt. Alvin York in November, and unless it is paid the land will be sold out from under his feet.

Instead of going on the stage or commercializing his military reputation, this Tennesseean came back to his native state to buckle down to useful labor.

Nation's Prize Slacker. It seems impossible to keep the Bergdoll case off the front pages of the newspapers.

Give It the Right Name. Evidently the president has taken his first step toward that 'association of nations' which has been somewhat wrapped in the mists of cloudland heretofore.

A Good Word for the Mormons. One thing you've got to say, anyhow, for those old Mormons. No matter how many wives they married, they stayed married to all of them.

Democracy In Production Some Ethical as Well as Practical Considerations Involved in Problem.

(From the Boston Transcript.) Anyone who supposes that complete or all-around industrial democracy can be achieved simply by democratizing the relations between labor and capital, will, of course, miss his bet.

Right co-ordination of functions between these two parties, and a correspondingly hearty co-operation in fulfillment of their common mission, would spell a genuine and a long step in the progress toward industrial democracy.

Hence the public doubtless will welcome the co-operative plan of industrial management just adopted by Swift & Co., packers at Chicago, whereby it is hoped that such problems as wages, safety and sanitation within the plant may be dealt with in a way satisfactory to both employer and employee.

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How to Keep Well

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, or by a committee of individuals, stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed.

MAKING CHILDREN PERFECT In a lecture before the New York Medical society Dr. L. F. Barker of Johns Hopkins university told the physicians a lot about how to avoid spoiling the child, all of which would have been better told to parents.

To begin with, he advocated a little spanking. One good spanking, given before the child is two years of age, will be enough in most cases.

He advocates the use of an allowance chart. On this chart there is a list of habits forming acts on which the child scores himself on the basis of performance.

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The Bee's Letter Box

More About Passes. Omaha, July 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: I just want to write a line in reply to Mr. Duval's letter in which he voices his dissatisfaction in regard to what he terms the railroad free pass evil.

It is generally conceded that railroad men and their families are justly entitled to free transportation as a part of compensation for their work.

It hardly seems reasonable that people will travel, even though it is tiresome or irksome to them, just to go to school.

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has no parallel for such a disportment of any people. We have at last begun to learn that public treasuries are not inexhaustible, and with this enlightenment many things which are in themselves worthy and desirable must be omitted.

Thanksgiving Day Appropriate. If the Washington conference is not called together on Armistice day, Thanksgiving day might serve just as well.—Boston Transcript.

There are musicians who are not satisfied with a name in their quest for an instrument of expression. Invariably they use a

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