

INCOME TAX NEWS

New records were set for federal tax collections in the Southern California district last week when Collector Rex Goodeell forwarded to Washington his report for January, which threw into the discard all previous California "wonder figures." Increases over January, 1922, in tax collected on manufactured articles that run as high as 300 per cent, were outstanding features of Collector Goodeell's survey reflecting almost amazing business conditions in the Los Angeles district and verifying the Collector's prediction that business prosperity would develop new federal revenue that would offset the annual reduction of \$15,000,000 made in federal taxes in Southern California.

Wonder figure No. 1. Increase of 300 per cent in receipts from manufacturers' excise tax on automobile trucks, means that three times more trucks were made and sold in December, 1922, than in December, 1921. Tax collected represents manufacturers' sales of \$10,973, compared with \$108,431 for December, 1921.

Wonder Figure No. 2. Increase of 94 per cent in manufacturers' sales of candy. With the tax reduced from 5 per cent to 3 per cent, the receipts were 17 per cent greater than when the high tax rate prevailed. Tax collected represents December manufacturers' sales of \$1,371,500, as against \$706,993 for December, 1921.

Wonder Figure No. 3. Increase of 150 per cent in receipts from tax paid manufacturers on oleomargarine made and sold here, representing manufacturers' sales of \$324,000, compared with \$122,000 for December, 1921.

Wonder Figure No. 4. Increase of 45 per cent in receipts from tax on admissions to theaters, etc., showing \$2,700,000 was spent for amusement in December, and indicating an attendance of 15,600,000. With the tax repealed on 10-cent admissions, the tax receipts were greater than when the 10-cent admission tax was operative.

Wonder Figure No. 5. Increase of 40 per cent in receipts from tax paid by dealers on sales of jewelry representing sales of \$3,000,000 in December, 1922, against \$2,150,000 for December, 1921.

Wonder Figure No. 6. Increase of 40 per cent in sales of documentary stamps, indicating unusual activity in bonds, capital stock issues and conveyances.

Wonder Figure No. 7. Increase of 400 per cent in receipts from capital stock tax of \$1 on each \$1,000 over \$5,000.

Wonder Figure No. 8. Increase of 35 per cent in receipts from tax on admissions to cabarets and roof gardens.

Wonder Figure No. 9. Increase of 46 per cent in receipts from tax on club dues and memberships.

Wonder Figure No. 10. Increase of 12 per cent in tobacco tax receipts.

Wonder Figure No. 11. Increase of 900 per cent in offers of compromise.

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ARMORED CAR OF NEW TYPE TO FOIL HOLDUP MEN

An armored car for the foiling of holdup men has a body entirely constructed of armor plate, fitted with bulletproof glass windows, windshield, and side wings, the whole closely resembling an ordinary town car or limousine. It is illustrated and described in the March Popular Mechanics Magazine. A steel-armored safe has been built into the rear, or inclosed part of the machine, which is designed to carry only two passengers, the driver and the messenger in charge of the money. The driver sits in front in the usual position, while the messenger locks himself in the rear. Loopholes with sliding armor-plate covers are provided at both sides and rear of the car so that the messenger may shoot in any direction. In the event of an accident to the driver, the messenger can assume full control of the machine by means of a tandem brake and other necessary arrangements. A special feature of the car is the construction of a "blind" door on the left side, which has been noted to be the usual point of entrance when a holdup takes place, thus assuring any would-be bandits a disconcerting surprise at the outset.

A WHALE OF A SKULL

A whale skull, so large that it had to be sawed into eight pieces for handling and crating, was recently found on the shore of Alitak Bay, Alaska, by a representative of the biological survey, United States department of agriculture, who was in the territory investigating the fox farming industry. First aid was given by the courteous skipper of a passing ship, who took it to a nearby cannery, from which place it was possible to send it to the States. In accordance with a cooperative understanding the skull was sent to the Smithsonian Institution, at Washington.

HOW NATIONS EAT

You can tell a man's nationality by the way he eats his food! Mr. Hector, who rejoices in Italian nationality and occupies the proud position of food connoisseur to the Gordon hotel, says that Frenchmen and Spaniards invariably begin by tucking their napkins into their collars. The American is talkative at table and the Englishman is noticeably quiet. As for the German—well, he has a style of his own, and no one wants to take it from him.

ADOPT ZONING SYSTEMS IN SMALLER TOWNS

Many of the country's smaller towns and villages are adopting zoning systems, according to the department of commerce, in the March Popular Mechanics Magazine. In the entire country 109 cities, towns, and villages were zoned on Jan. 1, 1923, as compared with 55 for the same day last year.

While the tramps have a hard time sleeping out in barns and riding in box cars, they do not consider it so bad as working.

EDITORS SEE ORANGE SHOW FOR 13th TIME

Gov. Richardson Delivers Strong Address To Scribes

Saturday was "Editor's Day" at the National Orange Show, now going on at San Bernardino, and the entire force of the Southern California Editorial association was there. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Roberts attended, the usual custom being followed out at these meetings—an elaborate banquet—held at the Harvey House—where a great get-together time was enjoyed, speaking and a general flow of wit and good fellowship marking the day's visit.

Governor Friend W. Richardson, who is an ex-newspaper man, and president of the California Editorial association, was there.

Sixteen feature exhibits are on the program this year: Orange county; Riverside, San Gabriel valley, Pasadena, Hemet valley, Colton, Redlands, Bloomington, Covina, Fresno, Ontario, Pomona, Pacific Electric, the Randolphs Marketing company, the Mutual Orange Distributors, and the Elephant Orchards, comprise the list, and each exhibitor is confident of dining honors at the show.

Then there is the big industrial exhibition which included the auto show; a midway with myriad amusements, several bands, among them the Santa Monica Municipal band, led by Alfredo Tommassino.

Five million oranges are used in the exhibits. The attendance at the various booths, the pick of the best of the various communities, total several score. Decorative effects, according to expert designers and decorators, is the peak of artistry. Saturday was also motion picture day, and screen stars of several big companies participated in the festivities in their honor. There was an attendance of more than 200,000.

The editors and their wives were the guests of the Orange Show in the afternoon and evening.

In his speech to the editors the Governor devoted the greater portion of his remarks to a defense of his state budget, and closed with the declaration that he had no desire to enter the President's cabinet or to enter the national senate.

The chief executive was introduced by Arthur J. Brown, editor of the San Bernardino Telegram, and chairman of the Orange Show entertainment committee. Among the speakers were Joseph Buckner Gill, president of the National Orange Show association; P. W. Moore, business manager of the Redlands Facts, and president of the Southern California Editorial association; Miss Cora Bell Roberts, publisher of the Long Beach Telegram and daughter of the late Colonel Frank C. Roberts, founder of the paper. Governor Richardson said in part:

"I am going to put this budget through regardless of consequences. Scores of newspaper folk arose to their feet to applaud.

"This was my pledge to the people," Governor Richardson went on. "I care nothing about my political future, for I don't suppose I have any left, if I did have any before I recommended this budget.

"I have no ambition to be in the Cabinet, or to be United States Senator.

The governor knows all the arguments for a larger budget, he said, but asked his critics:

"Where are you going to get the revenue?"

"I would like to own a limousine," he said, "and I can present all the arguments why I should own one. I could convince a jury that I should own one. The trouble is in securing the revenue to purchase it."

"And argument proving that the State should have some particular thing does not prove that the State can afford to have it, for the State cannot possibly obtain many things that I can prove the State needs. The budget calls for \$79,000,000, and estimated revenues are \$80,000,000, so it is possible to spend only \$1,000,000 more. We must be economical, and besides that fact, the people voted for it."

Indirectly the Governor struck hard at State Superintendent of Education Will C. Wood, the loudest howler among his critics.

Not a dollar was taken away from any school teacher nor school child, Governor Richardson said, and again the applause of the editors was deafening.

The Governor urged the editors "not to support me because I am Friend," but to study the budget, its provisions and economy, and then pick their champions.

"The people wanted economy and I'm going to give it to them. It was my solemn pledge," he said.

RUSSIAN CROWN JEWELS

It is announced—and the news is probably true—that the bolshevists, at their wit's end, have prepared to sell the Russian crown jewels. It is said that they are worth 7,000,000 gold rubles. One of the most famous of the gems is the Orloff diamond, acquired by the Tsarina Catherine II. What constitutes the value of this diamond is its size, as well as its purity; but if it is sold the jeweler who acquires it can make the greatest profit by breaking it up into small pieces, which would be the cause of great regret.

COLDEN QUILTS

C. J. Colden has resigned as president of the San Pedro chamber of commerce.

500 Abandoned Children Taken In

Five hundred homeless and abandoned children from various parts of California were received, or under supervision, by the Children's Home society of Los Angeles and Oakland, during the past six months, according to a semi-annual report just made to directors of the organization by Mrs. Jessie Jordan, superintendent. Los Angeles county headed the list with 74 children contributed to the Society. Alameda county was second with 29 children. San Diego county was third with 13 children.

By far the largest proportion of little ones received from 13 counties of California by the society were illegitimate children, 62 in number. This proportion is said to be larger than it has been for several years. Nineteen children were abandoned by their parents, and a similar number came as the result of the parents' separation.

"The growing social problem in California is becoming a serious problem," said Mrs. Jordan. "A cross section of the membership in our two homes indicates a grave condition in our home and social life. In this condition, the unfortunate children seem to be the innocent victims."

It is shown in the report that the ages of the children received during the past six months ranged from under one year to late adolescence. Of these, 79 were less than one year old, 29 were from one to six years, and 39 were above six years. The sex of the children was 81 males and 57 females. In the same period 124 adoptions took place and 123 placements in the homes of foster parents were made. Eighty-eight of the new children were Americans.

Endorsement of the work of the society in Los Angeles and Oakland continue to be made by leading civic, business, and women's clubs of the state, it is stated. Within the recent past endorsements have been made by the Lion's club of Oakland, the Oakland merchants' endorsement committee, and the Berkeley Commission of Public Charities.

A BUSINESS GOVERNOR

The people of California last fall waked up to the fact that running a state government is just the same as running any other business, or ought to be just the same; and they elected Friend W. Richardson governor by an overwhelming majority against the desperate efforts of the political organization which had been spending the public money with reckless abandon. Governor Richardson recently submitted a state budget for the next two years, and with it presented a message. Anyone who read that message cannot but be impressed with the fact that it is just the same as the man who wrote it—plain, honest, substantial, to the point, and courageous.

The keynote of this message—one that Benjamin Franklin himself might have penned while considering the subject of thrift—is that state expenses must be kept below state income. "As soon as the boy becomes a man," says the Governor, "he finds that he must spend less than he earns, or bankruptcy faces him. The state must practice the same philosophy." There is Richardson's flag, hoisted to the topmast and nailed there; and unless the people of the state listen to the false advice of some buccaner crew which opposes Richardson, that flag is going to stay there.—San Diego Union.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

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