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SHOULD BE SIMPLIFIED

It is one of the tritest maxims of political economy that all taxes are burdensome, however wisely and prudently imposed; and though there have always been among our people wide differences of sentiment as to the best methods of raising the national revenues, and, indeed, as to the principles upon which taxation should be based, there has been substantial accord in the doctrine that only such taxes ought to be levied as are necessary for a wise and economic administration of the government.

Congress, at the coming session, will have in its hands the report of the Special Committee on Internal Revenue which was appointed to study the whole internal revenue system and work out a program that the government may adopt and adhere to for a long term of years. It is hoped that this session of congress will at least commence the process of simplifying the confused mass of tax law.

WHY WE ARE RICH

It is doubtful if any of the various reasons advanced for the constant increase in this country's wealth are more pertinent than the results of a study recently made by the Census Bureau on the average industrial output per worker. The study showed that in 1925 each worker was responsible for an output of \$7,479 worth of goods, the total output having been \$62,706,000,000. Both figures were new high records, and though no similar study was made for 1926 it is thought the results were little different, despite lower commodity prices.

Industrial output per worker has grown steadily in recent years, and shows an enormous gain over pre-war production, even allowing for decline in value of the dollar. In 1909 average output per worker was only \$3,125 worth of goods, which left a far smaller surplus after deducting cost of production.

PREVENTION BEATS INSURANCE

It is often said, and yet seems to be worth continually repeating, fire destroys and causes losses far beyond the actual damage in dollars to property.

The loss of time to going concerns through fires, losses to employees through delay in rehabilitation; the discouragement that often is indicated after a serious fire; all these things are not figured in the estimates—but count materially in the advancement or recession of communities suffering from great fires.

From every standpoint it is well to guard against fires; prevention is far ahead of the next best thing—adequate insurance.

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HIGHWAY COURTESY URGED AS PANACEA

FOR VEXATION OF SPIRIT

President Chicago Motor Club
Suggests Co-Operation and
Helpfulness as Aids to
Better Driving

"Highway courtesy and co-operation are held up before motorists as the panacea that will cure all the vexation of spirit that accompanies a drive over congested thoroughfares," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, "but one of the chief difficulties standing in the way of the attainment of these driving virtues by motorists generally is the failure, in many instances, of the advocates of courtesy and co-operation to define precisely what is meant by these terms. Motor club executives in several hundred communities have been asked to give their definitions of courtesy and co-operation between motorists."

Begin With Signals

"They are practically unanimous in saying that co-operation and courtesy begin with the giving of signals, and undoubtedly most motorists will agree with the primary importance of this practice. It is obvious that one driver cannot, with safety, leave another in doubt as to his intentions. The carelessly given signal is almost as bad as no signal at all—it corresponds to the practice of mumbling in conversation. Motorists do not realize that they are being discourteous, to say the least, when they give a wavering, uncertain signal. Signals should be given precisely and for a sufficient length of time for the person behind or coming toward one to see. And the giving of signals does not stop with those involving the extended arm," continues Mr. Hayes. "For example, parking lights are important signals frequently overlooked. There are many ways to co-operate with other motorists when actually operating a car on the street or highway. These are known to virtually every driver, but it can do no harm to mention them."

Always Use Caution

"Use caution at all times, whether traveling at a speed of five or fifty miles an hour; observe strictly the right-of-way regulation; when surrendering the right-of-way to a car from the right, stay back of the street line in order to let machines from the left pass; never try to pass another car until the way is absolutely clear; use the horn with discretion; park with an eye to conserving space to the utmost; remember that pedestrians should be accorded courteous treatment."

"If motorists generally will practice the points enumerated, real progress toward highway courtesy and co-operation will be rapid," concludes Mr. Hayes.

UTILIZE TRUST FUND FOR STUDY OF PLANETS

Northwestern to Make Use of
Money Left by W. M. Camp
for Purpose

An interest in the possibility of life on Mars and the other planets prompted the late Walter M. Camp of Chicago, editor of the Railway Review, to leave a trust fund of approximately \$25,000 to Northwestern university for planetary research. The income from this trust fund is now available and research in planetary radiation will be begun at Northwestern at once by F. D. Urie, director of the Elgin Observatory. This announcement was made today by Philip M. S. Fox, professor of astronomy and director of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern.

Mr. Camp, who died two years ago, had long been interested in the possibility of life on the planets, and it was his original intention to leave a trust fund income from which was to be used exclusively for research into the inhabitability of the planets. He decided later, however, to broaden the field to include all work in planetary research.

"The income from this trust fund may be used in direct research and the dissemination of knowledge concerning the planets," said Professor Fox. "It may be used for lectures, expeditions to more favorable stations for observation, instrumental equipment and the publication of the results of planetary research."

"Money may be granted to other observatories or to individuals if they have a promising piece of work we desire to encourage. Mr. Urie, who is director of the observatory at the Elgin watch works, will begin this week researches into planetary radiation."

Some of the cattle shows have had tests in which the boys judge fruit trees. But according to all tradition, the boys of Illinois have been testing the product of the fruit trees of their neighbors for many years.

Some cities are reported as being hard places to find work in, so that the tramp element know where to head for.

"We believe that Babe Ruth could lick either Dempsey or Tunney if the referee would let him take his bat into the ring with him."

"In seeking another loan in America, the French government is generously willing to let bygones be bygones.—Boston Herald.

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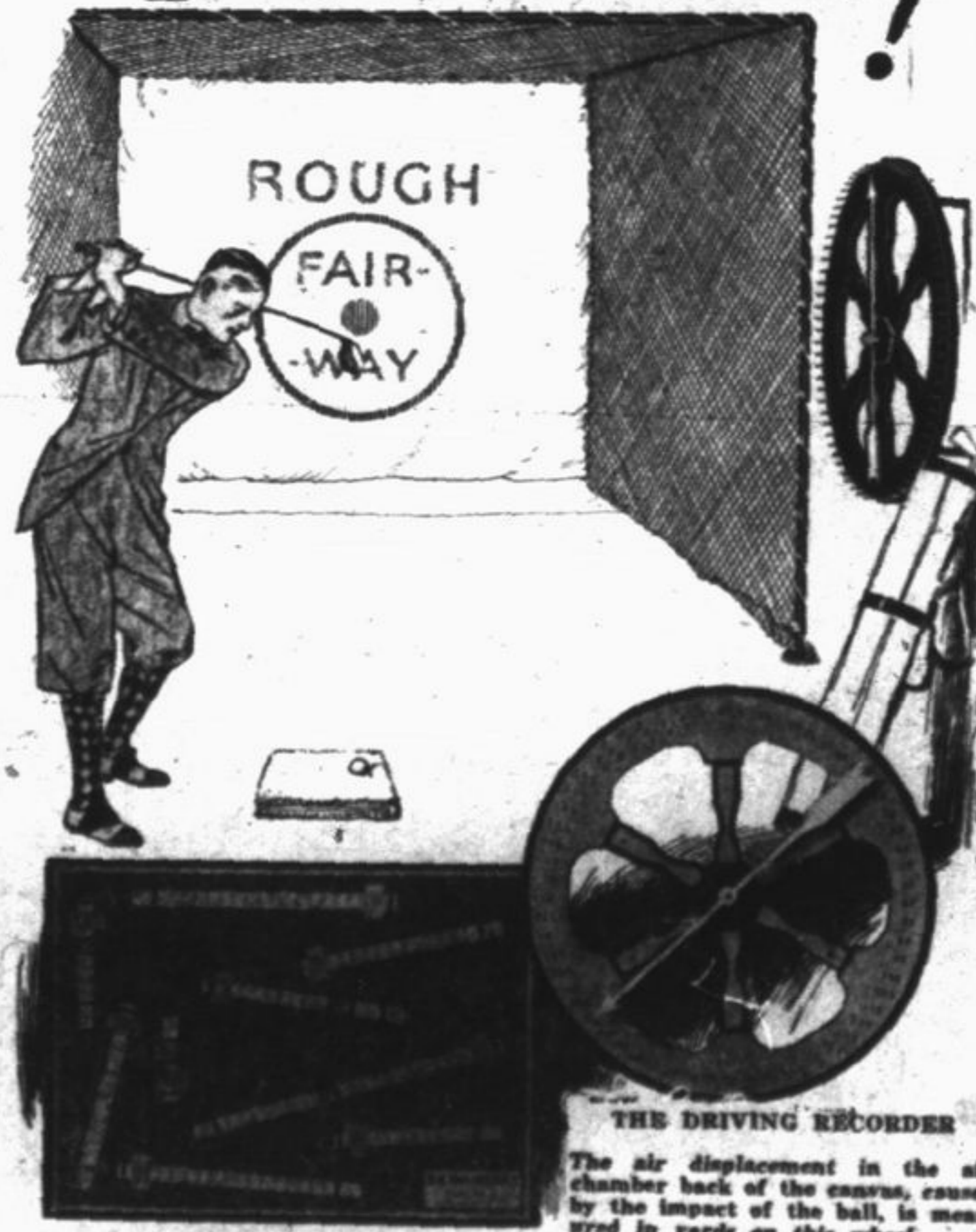
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