

**RAILROADS PAYING ENORMOUS TAXES**

**HUGE AMOUNT EACH YEAR**

Nearly Four Hundred Millions of Dollars Annually Goes Into Government Treasuries, Report

Few people realize the tremendous amount of taxes which the railroads pay to state and small units of government in the United States each year, and the importance, which these funds play in making up the local budgets and relieving real estate owners from additional tax burdens. According to Mr. H. O. Bishop, who writes convincingly on the subject of "Railroads as Taxpayers" in the current issue of the National Republic the transportation lines now pay in taxes more than twice as much as it costs to operate the entire federal government in 1876. These taxes offer one of the most potent reasons why government ownership of railroads would not work out satisfactorily to the general public. In part Mr. Bishop says:

**Pay Huge Tax**

"The railroads of the United States pay more than a million dollars a day in taxes. A tax bill of \$394,243,640 was rendered to the American railroads for the year 1926. This was an increase of \$30,758,721 over the previous year. In the year 1876 the people thought that congress had gone wild when it appropriated \$147,714,941 to run the governmental establishment for that fiscal year—\$246,528,000 less than was taken from the railroads in federal, state and local taxes fifty years later. Just ponder the above figures for a moment!

Twenty-five years later—in 1901—it was only necessary for congress to appropriate \$457,000,000 to run the government for that year—just a trifle more than is now called from the railroads in taxation for a year.

**Wrong Attitude**

"Many legislators—local, state and national—have, in recent years, taken the position that the way to relieve others of tax burdens, or to raise more tax money, was to find an additional method of taxing the railroads of the country. They seem to assume that railroads have some magical way of creating money which they can endlessly pour into the hands of eager tax collectors. They never seem to grasp the idea that the only source of revenue the railroads have is what they collect from people or from those who ship freight. Therefore, when the tax is increased they must necessarily raise the amount demanded by getting that much more from the public.

"Every now and then some radical member of congress, or a state legislator, or a theoretical college professor, or a socialist, or a communist, will noisily acclaim the virtues of government or political ownership of railroads. They forget to explain, however, upon whom they would call to put the \$394,000,000 now paid annually in taxes by the railroads. Government-owned railroads, you know, do not pay taxes."

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND THEIR DECORATION**

**Various Methods Employed in All Ages for Adornment Are Described**

Ever since man began to fashion instruments of melody he has been concerned with their appropriate decoration. Legend relates that Hermes found the body of a tortoise, bored holes in opposite edges of its armor and through each drove a cord in honor of the immortal Nine. He did not strike the tenuous strings, but gave this first harp to Apollo, lord of harmony. Such was the "enchanted shell" to which the Passions listened.

From the hollowed reed to the modern radio, from the Pandean pipes to the pipe organ, from reharb to violin and from trumpet to saxophone, musical instruments have been fashioned for appeal both to the eye and the ear.

The reharb was a square wooden box with a stick at one end. On top of the stick a string was stretched over which a bow made from the tail of a horse was drawn and the box amplified the volume of sound produced. Pretty primitive, but from this was developed those masterpieces of beauty from the great Italian craftsmen, with boxes curved in undulating symmetry and a scroll head.

The carved and inlaid surfaces of some early spinets, pianos, organs, mandolins and guitars, chiefly those belonging to the royalty, are still among the most precious examples of the decorative arts applied to musical instruments that we have today. Modern inlay and plastic art is rapidly making every form of decoration for musical instruments available to the general run of buyers.

A Polish worker at Loda, who had been drinking vodka, lit a match for a cigarette. His breath caught fire and he exploded. This must have been some of the stuff intended for the American trade.

New York City has nearly three times as many telephones today as it had in 1914.

**TO HELP BOYS INTO FITTING POSITIONS**

**PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING**

Plan of Northwestern University to Aid Youths Lacking Schooling to Get Right Jobs in Chicago

Boys employed in various lines of business in the Chicago Loop can now find out whether they are misfit and what vocation they are best fitted for psychologically. S. N. Stevens, assistant professor of psychology at Northwestern university, by a series of psychological tests, will determine whether a boy now working in a bank should be a garage mechanic or whether a messenger boy has in his the making of a successful banker.

If these tests should reveal that a boy is short socially or mentally, an educational program will be devised for him to correct his shortcomings and prepare him for the type of work or the vocation for which he is best suited. Boys with exceptional mental equipment can be singled out and their abilities brought to the attention of their employers.

**Auspices of Y. M. C. A.**

This work in mental and social hygiene for employed boys will be done under the auspices of the extension committee of the Y. M. C. A. which has supervision over the employed boys brotherhood. In the Loop are more than 10,000 employed boys between the ages of 14 and 18 who have had to leave school and go to work wherever they could find a job, and this number the committee hopes to reach eventually with the psychological tests.

Before the end of the year it is hoped to enlist the services of more than 1,000 Chicago business men, each of whom will take under his wing two or three boys fitted psychologically for his particular type of work. These men will act as advisers to the boys and help them prepare themselves for this work the psychological tests have shown they are best adapted to.

"Boys who have had to quit school to go to work have not had proper opportunities for development," said Professor Stevens. "By these tests we shall find out a boy's mental equipment and organize a course of study for him to equip him for the vocation or business where he will fit in most successfully. This will constitute a huge laboratory in social psychology."

Professor Stevens is consulting psychologist for the committee and is making these tests as a part of his research work in industrial and social psychology. He is the author of a book on professional educational guidance for his school students which will be published the first of the year.

**AUTOMOBILE CLUB TO HOLD DINNER DANCE**

**Over Three Thousand Members to Attend Annual Party For Motorists**

Over three thousand members are expected to attend the fall dinner dance at Mann's Million Dollar Rainbow Gardens on Thursday, Dec. 1, when the Automobile Club of Illinois holds forth on that evening.

According to an announcement made by St. Mayer, president of the Automobile Club of Illinois, invitations have been extended to one hundred seventy-five prominent citizens, including Mayor Wm. Hale Thompson, Secretary of State, Louis L. Emmerson, Senators, Judges and officials of state, county and city offices.

This event promises to eclipse that of any previously held, inasmuch as the membership has almost trebled since the last affair. John P. Keating, manager of the club, has promised an unusual surprise in the way of entertainment for the evening.

**USING HISTORIES AS COOKING TEXTS**

**NOTABLE PIONEER DAYS**

Tell of Famous Repasts, Thanksgiving and Other Times, Served in Homes of Early Days

Turning from cook books to histories, Nell B. Nichols, New York cooking expert, has discovered the menus for Thanksgiving enjoyed by the greatest American epicures and reproduced them in the experimental kitchens of Farm & Fireside.

The first is a famous Thanksgiving dinner given at the home of Daniel Webster in 1842, in which a special chestnut stuffing was the feature. Charles Dickens, who was the guest of honor, in letters home praised the stuffing highly but referred to the huge wedges of pumpkin pie, sweet potatoes and oysters as too indigestible. Webster, however, was noted for his famous dinners.

A second famous dinner that found its way into history books was one given by Hamilton Fish when he was secretary of state in 1852, with the English writer Thackeray as his guest of honor. It was at this time that the ice cream of the type in use today was introduced to supplant frozen ices which had hitherto been used. Other dishes were turkey surrounded by mounds of cranberries and celery curls, another innovation; baked pumpkin, spiced peaches and pears for salad and ice cream as one of the desserts.

**Another Dinner**

A third dinner was copied from one served by Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior under James Buchanan, at which giblet gravy made from the New England recipe used for the first Pilgrim Thanksgiving dinner, was the chief attraction. The most talked-of feature was a giant red snapper brought on a fast train from Louisiana and prepared in true Creole style, and garnished with raw red radishes, parsley and capers.

Theodore Roosevelt, while president, received a request from the Japanese Ambassador to permit his chef to prepare the prize turkey sent the president. When it appeared, its golden brown plumage, its red head and adornments and its claws, had been spared. A slight movement removed all of these and the bird, browned to a turn and seething in rich gravies was disclosed. It was boned and with-in the turkey had been placed a cap-

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**LINDBERGH AND FORD LEAD IN WORLD NEWS**

Such Is Opinion Expressed in Survey Made by Journalism School

Col. Charles Lindbergh and Henry Ford are the most important men in the news today, and for the women, Queen Marie leads all the rest, according to a survey of opinion among students of Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern university, announced today.

Students were asked to list ten men and five women. Lindbergh and Ford tied in the tabulated returns for first place with the next eight as follows: President Coolidge; Benito Mussolini; the Prince of Wales; Big Bill Thompson; Thomas A. Edison; Gene Tunney; Al Smith and Babe Ruth.

Queen Marie was easy winner in the women's list with Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, Ruth Elder, Helen Willis, and Jane Addams next in order.

Other men for whom balloting ran high are Charles Chaplin, Lloyd George, John D. Rockefeller, Vice-President Dawes, Jack Dempsey, Tex Richard, and George Bernard Shaw. Others are Glenn Frank, Mayor Walker, Clarence Darrow, H. G. Wells, Douglas Fairbanks, King Michael, Prince Carol, Red Grange, Hoover and Senator Borah.

Mary Garden missed being among the first five by only a few votes. Other near-favorites are Mme. Schumann-Heink, Peggy Joyce, Mary Pickford, Princess Ileana, "Ma" Ferguson, Suzanne Lenglen, Galli-Curci and Milicent Rogers.

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