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**WHY NOT HAVE LAWS PASSED ON BEFORE EFFECTIVE?**

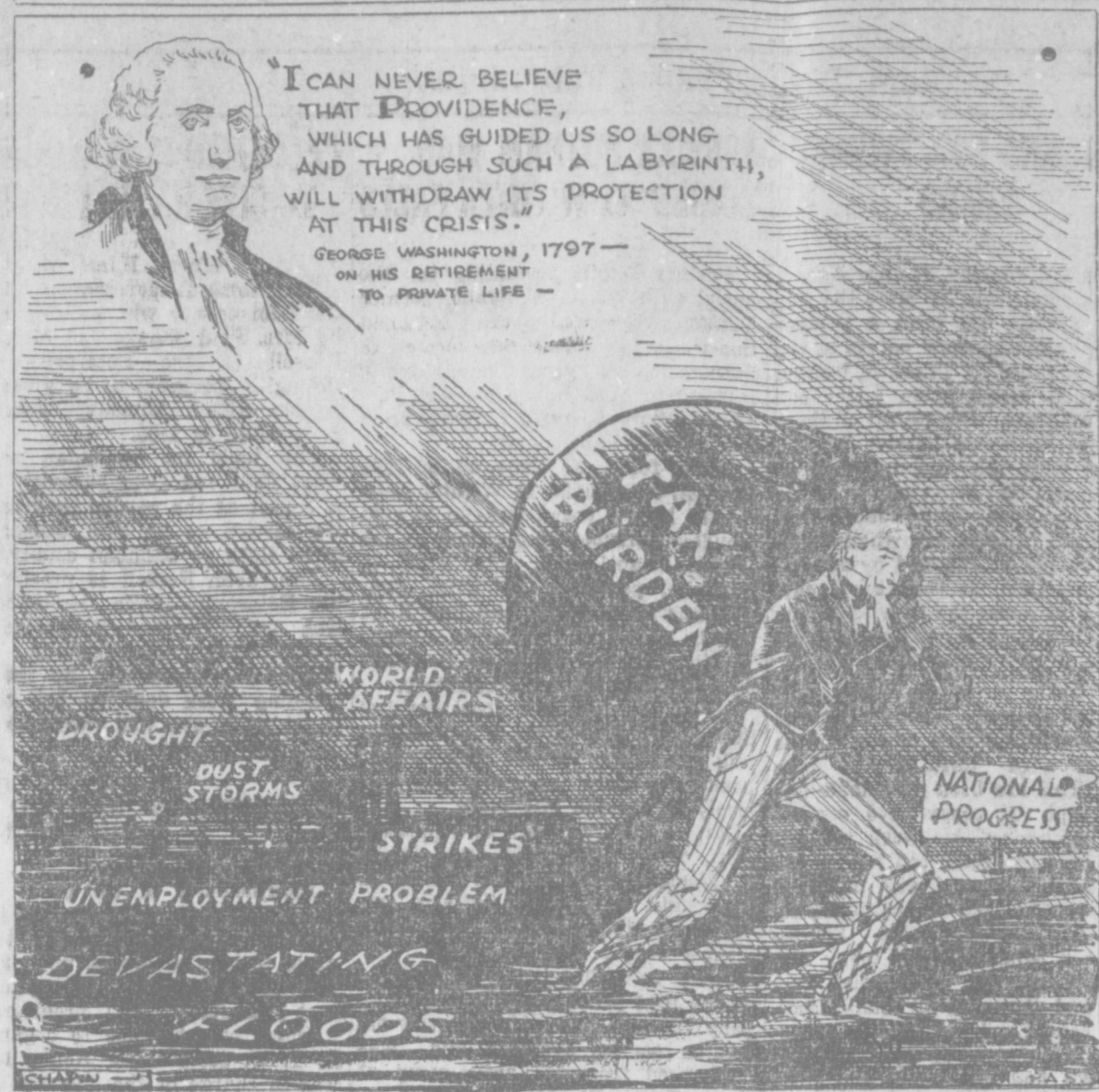
If congress really wants to do something for the benefit of the people, they should pass a law that would prohibit any act of congress going into effect until it is passed on by the United States Supreme Court, which would eliminate many different courts from granting injunctions on federal laws. It is a well known fact that there is too much litigation that arises in the inferior courts, but this can be regulated by regulating the inferior courts and not in interfering with the Supreme Court. It would be well, in the opinion of the News, to prohibit federal district courts granting injunctions and otherwise passing on the constitutionality of the laws passed by congress by placing original jurisdiction in the Supreme Court, and letting each law that has been enacted by congress to be placed before the court to find out if the law is constitutional, and in case it is held unconstitutional, in that event let it become void.

The constitution is the only protection the people have from radicals, like a great many in the present congress who would substitute a government by force rather than by law, by one man, as is being attempted at the present time by packing the court so that it will in reality be a rubber stamp in the hands of the present administration. There must be some authority placed in some branch of the government, and it has been placed in the courts to have the last say as to what is law and we do not know of any other authority competent to pass on such questions. If the present administration can succeed in revamping the courts and allow President Roosevelt to appoint six more judges, increasing the number to fifteen, it will be just such a government as advocated by John L. Lewis and others who occupied the General Motors plants in the sitdown strike and kept the owners from operating them in violation of the law, and no authority with courage enough to put them out. It is reasonable if the government will permit one group to defy the courts after they have given an order that it will only be a short time until every other group will take the same rights and substitute a government of force instead of a government by law. If our form of government is to be changed let it be in a legal way by amending the constitution giving the President that authority. The federal constitution, article 3, section 1, reads as follows: "The judges, both of the supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices during good behavior." Where is the authority given to congress or authorizing congress to have the President to demand the resignation of all of the judges who are over 70 or give him authority to appoint additional ones for each judge that fails to resign. It is very plain that they do not have such authority.

If our courts were in such condition as described by the President, why did he not put all of these facts before the citizens in the last campaign? There were many including the leading Democrats of the United States, who told the people that the President intended to revamp the court and change our form of government by nullifying the constitution and called on the President to state his position on all of these important questions, and after his son had stated in a speech at Boston what his father had in mind, he ignored the statement and still refused to take the people into his confidence. No longer than two days before the election Governor Iandon in his Madison Garden speech asked the question, "What does the President propose to do with the Supreme Court if elected?" and answered it by saying, "No one knows," and called on him to tell the people in his speech the next night what he proposed to do. Did he do it? No, his answer was evasive and he stated, "Of course I am not going to let anyone starve." There was a reason for not going before the voters with that proposition, because he knew that many Democrats would not support him on that kind of a platform.

These Democrats are hollering as loud now against this bold scheme to pack the court as many Democrats did before the election. Such men as Glass, Byrd, Connally, Thomas, Clark, and George of Georgia and many others who have been strong supporters before lining up with the opposition in this fight on the Supreme Court.

**A Voice from the Past** by A. B. Chapin



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Wonder if the President remembers asking the people of Nebraska to keep Senator Norris in office the rest of his life last summer.

**NUTRITIONAL SUICIDE**

It is not infrequent that an individual or an institution is purblind to its own best interest, but when a whole region not only is blind, but remains that way to those things affecting its welfare, that is another matter and one calling for the most serious consideration on the part of its every citizen.

One of the most amazing cases of such poor sight is the nation's and particularly the south's attitude toward the inexpensive table spread, margarine, and the long fight equally near sighted dairymen have waged and are waging against it. It is almost unbelievable that the cotton producing South, with millions of tons of cottonseed, the soil from which could go into fine margarine and with its population constantly undersupplied with table spread, not only should allow continued unwarranted discrimination in the form of special Federal and state taxes against margarine but should actually join in this discrimination by similar legislation in several of its own states.

Not only does the South suffer from this situation, both as a producer and consumer, but the entire country is affected. Food authorities estimate that an adequate national diet would call for the consumption of nearly five billion pounds of table spread annually, of which the South would use almost a third. Yet our dairies produce considerably less than the national needs, while Southern dairies give us only about one-sixth as much as the South should have.

The American population thus needs at least two billion pounds of table spread that it is not getting, even after we add in the present consumption of margarine. And by far the largest part of the deficiency is suffered by the low income class who cannot afford butter but who could and would buy margarine if it were allowed to be sold at prices within their reach—prices at which it could be sold if it were free of unjust and stupid taxation.

**BRUCE BARTON Says:**



We hold no brief for the margarine makers, but we do hold an enduring brief against inhumanity, stupidity and greed, and we can think of no other terms to describe the imposing of a discriminatory tax that deprives so large a part of the American people of vital nutrition. It has been demonstrated both here and abroad that the sale of margarine at inexpensive prices doesn't affect the consumption of butter; but simply makes available this proved pure and fine table spread to millions who cannot now buy it. Consequently every fight to correct this uncivilized and in many respects tragic situation is a fight for humanity and one in which every right thinking justice loving citizen can conscientiously join.—Exchange.

**COTTON CONSUMED IN JANUARY REACHES 678,000**

The domestic consumption of cotton for January was 678,064 bales. While setting a record for the month of January, the total stock in consuming establishments was 2,966,302 bales. This report failed to have but very little effect on the market. Consumption in December was 692,921 bales and in January last year 590,484 bales and for the first six months of the season 3,823,195 bales of all growths in this country, compared with 3,014,381 bales for the same period last year. Total exports for the season to January 31 were 3,435,982 bales against 4,003,597 bales last season, which is about 600,000 bales less than last year.

**FORT WORTH BAR OPPOSES COURT PLAN**

Fort Worth Bar Association voted down the President's proposal to pack the Supreme Court by a vote of 303 to 7 Saturday during a boisterous session where leather lungs got a good workout. There were only a few that tried to defend the President and they were booted down.

A resolution called the court plan a dangerous precedent, an infringement on the independence of the judiciary, a peril against the constitutional principle of checks and balances untimely, unsound and objectionable. The resolution was passed with a whoop.

Congress was asked to pass no act that could be construed as a request for the resignation of any member of the Supreme Court.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hutchison and grandson, Wesley Walker, Mrs. A. B. Edwards and son, Robert, of Abilene, visited Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Brittain Saturday. They were en route to Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ebbert and Mrs. Elia Jackson and niece of Baird spent a short time with Mrs. B. F. Brittain Saturday. They were en route to Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Clavis Stovall of Hobbs, New Mexico, spent from Tuesday until Sunday with Mrs. Stovall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stephens, and Mr. Stovall's parents at Rising Star.

**Communism Will Always Fail**

Back in the latter days of the Civil War, when it was necessary to draft men for the Northern armies, the Indians of the West thought it a propitious time to revolt. Several regiments of Union soldiers were withdrawn from the front to settle the uprising. A Pennsylvania politician made a smart suggestion.

He said to Abraham Lincoln: "Our Federal military prisons are filled with Southern military prisoners. These boys are young and keen and good fighters, as we have plenty of reason to know. I'll bet that most of them would rather be outdoors fighting the Indians than sitting idly in jail. Why not recruit them into regiments and send them West?"

The proposal was adopted and was immediately successful. But this is what happened in one instance, which throws a fine clear light on the practicability of Communism. I quote from my father's "Life of Lincoln."

"A thousand war prisoners were enlisted at Alton, Illinois, and Camp Douglas to fight the Indians. They left Chicago on two special trains. Each man had in his pocket two hundred dollars bounty in United States greenbacks, and none of them had any other money. During the period of their imprisonment most of them had become habitual card players. It is said that before they reached their destination a very few individuals had the lion's share of the money.

"Perhaps never before on earth was there so equitable an experiment in the results of starting men out in life on the basis of equal division of property. The equal division appears not to have lasted very long."

Life is a battle and a gamble. We can improve the rules, give fairer handicaps to the less favored, and make the game more humane.

But we can't alter the fundamentals of human nature. Communism tries to do that; and Communism will always fail.

**We All Make Mistakes**

One of the most interesting men of my acquaintance has been wrong about forty per cent of the time. I can look back over his career and point out a dozen different points where he took one stand and subsequently had to revise it.

Why then has he stayed on top? First, I think, because he is absolutely truthful. What he sometimes imagines to be the truth turns out later to be an error. But he never consciously hedges for anything or anybody.

Second, he is always trying. Roll him in the dust, and he is up in a minute and starting forward again. Lay something before him which you think is pretty good, and he instinctively reaches for a pencil and begins to try to improve it. Let him accomplish an objective, and immediately he has set his eyes on another point further ahead.

Finally, he never wastes any time in regretting the past. "Regrets," said some one, "takes as much out of you as a prolonged drunk."

This man has been an encouragement to me. So have the words of Stevenson, who exclaimed, "God give us young men who have the courage

to make fools of themselves." I figure that I am entitled to one major mistake weekly. This is my quota. As long as I keep within it I feel all right. But frequently I run over.

Miss Dorothy Billingsly recently from Loraine is staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell and attending the Putnam high school. Her parents have recently moved to Cottonwood.

**PUEBLO ITEMS**

Mrs. J. C. Dyer returned last week from Miami, Ariz., after an extended visit with her sons, Hodge and Jim Bowne.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skiles of Moran visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McCollum last Sunday.

Mrs. E. Green and son, Randolph, and little daughter, Frances Jean visited relatives in Abilene Tuesday and Wednesday of the week.

Bro. Cowart filled his regular appointment at Pueblo Sunday morning and evening. He was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hardwick.

Mrs. B. Newton spent the afternoon with Mrs. Everett Wood Tuesday of this week.

Bud Booth and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Allen of Union Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Allen was a guest of Mrs. J. R. Gunn Wednesday.

"You ignorant dope, you boring idiot. I hope I never see your ugly face again. I hope you drop dead. I'd like to push you off a cliff." "You mean you don't like me?"

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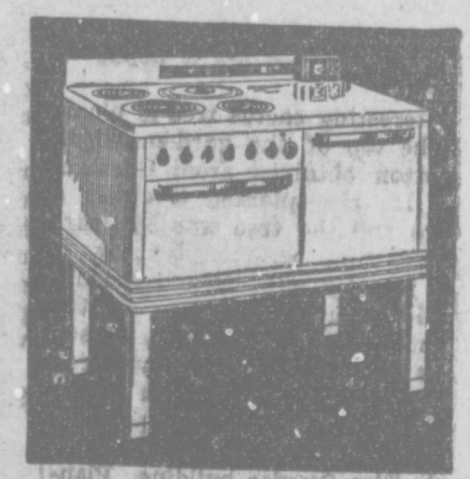


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