## TAXING THE LITTLE FELLOW

People of small and moderate means may think they escape taxation because they pay few or no direct taxes. But they are in reality among the heaviest taxed of all people, on a percentage basis.

A study conducted in two typical states, Illinois and New York, by Mabel Newcomer, Vassar economist, is of special interest. In New York a typical wage-earner with an income of \$2,000, pays \$276 to \$334 annually in taxes. In Illinois, where there is a sales tax, he pays between \$279 and \$359.

On a national average, taxes take approximately 20 per cent of income. This money is collected mainly through indirect taxes. The tax paid by the shoe manufacturer and the retail store, is passed on to the shoe buyer. The tax levied against the electric company is a necessary and substantial part of the consumer's bill. So it goes, with everything we buy, luxury or necessity.

You can't beat taxation. Government can't live off the rich-there aren't enough of them. It must rely on those of small means for sustenance. These are facts that should be understood by every citizen.

## AUSTRALIAN BOY

## OLYMPIC PROSPECT

Australia has just discovered in Bob Newbiggen, a 15-year-old schoolboy of Newcastle, New South Wales, a remarkable swimming prodigy who is regarded as the best Olympic prospect since the days of Andrew Charlton.

Three months ago Bob could not swim a leisurely quarter of a mile without tiring. Today he is the sensation of Australian swimming history. Four times in a recent week he broke the 110 yards Australian junior record, and once the 220-yard record.

According to the experts who are reserving him for the 1940 Olympaid in Tokio, Bob is the greatest natural swimmer Australia has ever possessed .- Australian Press Bureau.

## ERRONEOUS ENUMERATION

Enumerating a list of collegiate superstitions, an Ohio State University professor says that students still believe that cold hands make for warm hearts. That isn't a superstition-it's an experiment.-Los Angeles Times.

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# Photograph Canadian National Railways. ROMANTIC episode in the history A of the United States is perpetuated in the name of the section of Jasper National Park, Alberta, shown above. It is known as the Tonquin Valley, after the name of the ill-fated ship in which John; Jacob Astor despatched the little company

HIGHROADS OF HISTORY

of adventurers that were to found his

great fur Empire on the Pacific Coast. After, the mysterious destruction of the Tonquin and a series of other ill-fortune, the party which had established Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia River, broke up and some survivors tolled eastward across the Canadian Rockies, finally reaching a trading post near this valley in what is now the world's largest playground. The Tonquin Valley, today, is noted for its scenic beauty. The lake in the foreground, Amethyst Lake, is famous for its rainbow trout fishing. The outlet of the lake is called the Astoria River. Inset is a sketch of John Jacob Astor, founder of the Astor fortuna

