

## THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENTIFIC TAXATION

### Its President

This Association was founded in 1927 by Charles T. Root, a profound thinker in the world of business and business economics. He died in 1938.

Charles T. Root was the founder and director of the United Publishing Corporation. He was founder and editor of the "Iron Age," the "Dry Goods Economist," the "Hardware Age," the "Boot & Shoe Recorder" and a leading analyst in the field of business and merchandising. A profound thinker with a keen and practical mind, he was disturbed over the indifference of the business world to the fundamentals of scientific taxation and the destructive effects of taxes when unscientifically applied—and particularly in the field of business energy and enterprise.

The American Association For Scientific Taxation was founded by him for the purpose of making investigations into fields of taxation, to make studies and researches with respect to taxation and economic conditions, and to make and publish reports from time to time.

The president, Charles Johnson Post, was intimately associated with Charles T. Root and instrumental in establishing this Association from its very inception. His background as a newspaperman, foreign correspondent of the New York World, the United Press, Harper's Magazine, and a writer who has contributed articles to the leading magazines in both the popular and business field. He has travelled extensively both in Europe and South and Central America and represented business interests in both Mexico and Venezuela. He was selected by the periodical publishers of the United States, comprising the entire trade, religious, farm, and popular magazines, some years ago to organize and represent them in Washington, D. C. and it was this that brought him in contact with Charles T. Root. He is the author of "Some Postal Economics" — a review of postal principles and development from the days of the first Postmaster General, Benjamin Franklin. Also of "Across the Andes" and numerous other studies.

He exposed the speculative debauch that was beginning in the rubber trade that left its manipulators deflated and disconsolate; he exposed the shady wrecking of the Rock Island Railroad — a \$450,000,000. railroad thrown into bankruptcy on a manipulated matter of \$25,000. — for which bankruptcy the judge later plaintively explained from the bench that he had been deceived. He was director of the Manhattan Stockholders Protective Committee and forced from secrecy the list of Interborough stockholders that insiders had been keeping secret to prevent any stockholders from co-operating with each other. In the "Daily Mirror" he attacked the scandalous inequalities of New York City's tax appraisals and assessments under the famous days of Mayor Jimmie Walker who, exposed by Samuel Seabury, resigned under fire, rather than face exposure further.

For over fifteen years Mr. Post was a Commissioner within the United States Department of Labor, where he was first arbitrator and their representative speaker for the Department. He was appointed by the President as counsel to the United States delegation to the Pan-American Labor Conference in Mexico City. There he drafted and introduced the resolution adopted by that Conference indorsing the principle that the purchasing power through high-wages was a basic element in a nation's prosperity. This delegation was headed by Senator Denis Chavez of New Mexico.

Mr. Post collected the tax and valuation statistics for the five boroughs that make Greater New York that run back for the past sixty-years. He is a friend and admirer of Lawson Purdy, former President of the Tax Board of New York City who is one of the great tax analysts and experts in the United States.

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