

50 MILLION DAILY EXPENSES OF U. S.

All Taxes Outside of Those on
Incomes and Excess Prof-
its Small Factor.

NEW BILL HEARINGS START

Home Market Club's Representative
Favors Increased Import Duties.
Second-Class Mail Plan
Is Presented.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Government taxes gathered from a wide variety of sources every month are barely sufficient to pay the interest on the national debt. This was shown today by a detailed Treasury report of tax collections for April, giving the yield of ordinary war taxes for that month as \$93,760,000. Government expenses are now running nearly \$50,000,000 a day.

Corporation income and excess profits taxes collected in April were \$127,614,000 and individual income and excess profit receipts were \$41,721,000, making a total of \$169,335,000 from these sources. This represented only a small amount of the total yield of \$2,000,000,000 or more which will be collected within the next 10 days.

Marvin Gives Views.

Hearings preliminary to framing a new war revenue bill designed to raise one-third of the nation's expenses, or \$5,000,000,000, by taxation were begun by the House ways and means committee today.

Thomas O. Marvin, of Boston, representing the Home Market Club, first witness, advocated increased import duties.

Benjamin C. Marsh, of the Farmers' National Committee on War Finance, asked a heavier tax on incomes, and Representative Albert Johnson, of Washington, presented a plan for graduated taxes on second-class mail matter.

Mr. Marsh said that during the war no patriot would want an income of more than \$50,000.

"On the basis of 1916 the income tax returns, if we take all incomes over \$50,000, some 519 persons would pay \$1,650,000,000," he said. "A heavy tax on lower incomes would yield approximately \$1,800,000,000. From income taxes, therefore, at least \$3,450,000,000 can be secured."

Two Big Sources Cited.

"During 1916 the net taxable income of corporations was \$1,000,000,000, or nearly \$8,700,000,000, at least half of which should be taken.

"From these two sources, therefore, approximately \$5,000,000,000 can be secured, since excess profits are much larger this year than in 1916. This is in addition to the \$2,000,000,000 in receipts from miscellaneous sources."

Mr. Marvin said that in England the total revenue from import duties in this year would reach \$450,000,000 or \$10.45 per capita, while in the United States they would amount to only \$1.65, or 0.000,000, or \$1.65 per capita.

REGAL THREATS HEARD

ORGANIZATION OF UNITED MOTOR
BUS PROJECT UNDER WAY.

Invoking of Ancient Ordinance by City
Officials Will Meet With Opposi-
tion From Car Owners.

Veiled threats of invoking the recall if legal obstacles are thrown in the way of the United Motor Bus Company's jitney project, and predictions that the organization will have a car operating on the streets by Monday or Tuesday marked the meeting last night of interested car owners and drivers.

The legal object of the meeting was an old ordinance which requires franchises at the hands of operators of all foreign conveyances traveling over fixed routes in the city. It was said Thursday by Deputy District Attorney Hildman that this ordinance may affect present jitney proposals, and that a suit case may be necessary to determine whether the franchise is necessary.

GANONG CASE CONTINUED

Condemnation Suit Now Before Ore-
gon City Court.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—The condemnation suit brought by the State Highway Commission against the Ganong estate, seeking a right of way through the property south of Canemah, occupied the Circuit Court today, with Judge Tucker, of Portland, on the bench instead of Judge Campbell. The case was continued until Monday.

The jury this afternoon visited the old Ganong home along the line of the new water-grade Pacific Highway. The road has already been appropriated and several shade trees in front of the house, which were in the line of the new road, were cut down by the Highway Commission.

FARES GO UP SUNDAY NIGHT

Three-Cent Rate for Railroad Pas-
sengers Will Be in Effect.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—New passenger rates of 3 cents a mile will go into effect Sunday midnight. It was officially stated today that passengers en route to destinations at that date will be carried according to terms of their tickets as originally purchased, except that stopovers will not be permitted at the old rates.

Return stubs of round-trip tickets purchased before then also will be honored.

Mileage books will not be recognized, but unused portions will be redeemed at the rate of the original charge.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. Main 7070, A 6035.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

French.

PARIS, June 7.—The official War Office communication today fol-
lows:

"Between the Ourcq and the Marne we continued with success our operations of detail.

"The French and American troops have enlarged their gains north of Vinly up to Lilles, east of Chese and taken Veully La Poterie and Bourches and also in a general way notably bettered their positions on the front of Corcy-Bourches.

"Between the Marne and Rheims our activity was pursued at Bilgny and gave us that entire village.

"The number of prisoners taken during the day exceeds 200.

"The activity of both artilleries is fairly violent north of the Ourcq and in the region west of Rheims.

"During the day of the sixth, our aviators put out of commission 13 German airplanes and set on fire four captive balloons. Our bombing machines made numerous expeditions over the regions of Roys, St. Quentin, Soissons and other places. Twenty-seven tons of explosives were dropped and numerous fires broke out in the places bombarded.

"Army of the east, June 6.—There has been reciprocal activity by the artilleries in the region of Huma, on the Vetrinck and west of Chese and north of the Marne. A violent bombardment, tried two surprise attacks against our positions on the Cerna, endeavoring to reach other lines, and another attack on Lake Presba. They were repulsed everywhere."

American.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—A continuation of General Pershing's communique of yesterday, received today, reads:

"Section B.—In Picardy, during the night of June 2 to June 3, a hostile patrol of one officer and about 30 men attempted to raid one of our listening posts. The men in our post opened fire, killed the German officer and retired to our lines without suffering any casualties."

"West and northwest of Chateau

Thierry we made minor readjustments of our lines involving several advances in the course of which we inflicted severe losses and took prisoners, among them being one officer and 25 unwounded men. Our advance was made in conjunction with French troops on our left.

"Artillery on both sides was active at points held by our troops in Picardy on the Marne front, in the Woivre and in Lorraine.

"In Picardy we took prisoners in the course of a raid."

British.

LONDON, June 7.—The War Office tonight issued the following communication:

"French troops improved their line in the neighborhood of Loere early this morning by successful local attacks in which they captured a few prisoners."

"A small part of our troops raided a German post in Strazeele sector by daylight this morning, capturing nine prisoners and a machine gun. We had no casualties.

"Beyond artillery activity on both sides of the different sectors, there is nothing further to report from the British front."

German.

BERLIN, via London, June 7.—The evening official communication from general headquarters follows:

"The situation is unchanged."

"On the battlefield the fighting activity remained restricted to local actions. North of the Aisne and north-west of Chateau Thierry local attacks by the enemy were repulsed.

"Southeast of Sarcy we captured, after strong artillery preparations, several lines on the banks of the Andre river. We took 300 prisoners.

"Artillery duels have been revived at intervals and there has been lively reconnoitering activity. During an advance into the French lines west of Kommel we captured two officers and 50 men."

U. S. SEIZURE HINTED

Taking Over of Western Union
Deemed Probable.

MORRISON EXPRESSES VIEW

Officials of Telegraph Company Are
Sharply Criticized at Meeting of
the American Federation
of Labor.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 7.—Sharp criticism of the Western Union Telegraph Company for their alleged refusal to abide by the decisions of the National War Labor Board and protection of labor's united support of the Government's war policy were voiced today by officials of the American Federation of Labor speaking at a convention here.

According to President Samuel Gompers and Secretary Frank Morrison, the telegraph company is in direct violation of the purpose of the board and has a demoralizing effect upon the morale of working people.

"It is this willful refusal to defend and forced to attempt its recapture."

"According to the statements of prisoners, it appears that a single American unit forced three German divisions into action, making a serviceable example of the first two and taking ground from the third in a bitter struggle lasting a whole day and night. The last named division the Americans were still employed when the correspondent telegraphed at which time the Germans were favorable to the Americans."

"Judging from further statements of prisoners, the Germans were badly in need of rest and, according to reports, they were sorely in need of food. Inadequate artillery backing given to the first two German divisions supports the opinion that the enemy did not expect an offensive and that the guns they used last night and this morning were hurried back to a point where it was expected they would be needed. On the other hand, it was largely owing to the superior gunnery of the Americans that the first two enemy divisions were compelled to give ground and had to suffer severe casualties."

"But if the enemy was short of artillery, he appeared to have an unlimited number of machine guns, which were used with great skill and effect. The Germans evidently extended their practice of sacrificing a machine gun or two in untenable positions in order to bring the capture under a deadly flank fire. This maneuver took toll of the Americans, as indicated by the number of machine gun bullet wounds. The surgeons explained that the majority of such wounds had been received at very close quarters."

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