

RADICAL REVISION OF TAX BASIS AIM

Houston Advises More Equal Distribution.

CORPORATIONS LEVY WANTED

Substitute for Excess Profits System Offered.

INCOME CHANGES URGED

Reduction of Higher Groups and Increases in Lower Surtax Rates Also Are Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—More equitable and just distribution of the \$4,000,000,000 tax burden which the American people must bear for at least four more years was recommended to congress today by Secretary Houston, who in his annual report submitted a comprehensive scheme of tax revision.

"Revision of taxes should be effected," Mr. Houston wrote congress. "There can and should be a better distribution of the tax burden. Unwise taxes should be eliminated. But any scheme which would after this fiscal year yield for several years to come less than \$4,000,000,000 would be incompatible with safety and sound finance. And the country should face the fact that present taxes even may not in the future be relied upon to yield the needed revenue."

Excess Profits Tax Opposed.

The secretary of the treasury said the excess profits tax should be repealed and must, of course, be replaced. He said he believed it should be "replaced in large part by some form of corporation profits tax."

Reduction of the higher groups of the income surtaxes accompanied by increases in the lower income surtax rates also is suggested by the secretary, who asked that congress "consider such a general revision, with a reduction to a maximum rate lower than that contained in the present law, providing acceptable rates of equal yield can be found."

The secretary said the plain fact was that the present rates, which are as high as 70 per cent, could not be successfully collected and that "effective ways to tax the rich is to adopt rates that do not force investment in tax-exempt securities."

Sources Are Suggested.

Mr. Houston suggested a number of sources of revenue which could be tapped and others which could be revised to make up for the losses of revenue occasioned by the changes in the laws which he recommended. These sources were outlined as follows:

A tax of 20 per cent on corporation profits, distributed or undistributed, in addition to application of a higher surtax rate to yield \$600,000,000.

An additional tax of 6 per cent on corporation incomes to yield \$450,000,000.

Readjustment of surtax rates on incomes to yield an additional \$230,000,000.

Abolishment of the \$2000 exemption allowed corporations on income to yield \$55,000,000.

An increase from the present 4 per cent to 6 per cent in the tax on incomes of \$5000 or less and from 8 per cent to 12 per cent in the tax on incomes between \$5000 and \$10,000, the total estimated to yield \$150,940,000 annually.

Levy on Gasoline Wanted.

A tax of 2 cents a gallon on gasoline for motor cars and all other purposes, to yield \$80,000,000.

A federal license tax of 50 cents per horsepower on the use of motor cars to yield \$100,000,000.

An additional sales tax on automobiles (other than trucks and wagons) and motorcycles and motor car accessories to yield \$100,000,000.

A 10 per cent additional tax on theatrical admissions to yield \$70,000,000.

An additional tax of \$2 a thousand on cigarettes to yield \$70,000,000.

An additional tax of 25 cents a thousand on cigars to yield \$5,000,000.

Candy and Tobacco on List.

An additional tax of 6 cents a pound on tobacco and snuff to yield \$5,000,000.

An additional tax of 5 per cent on candy to yield \$20,000,000.

An additional tax of 7 per cent on chewing gum to yield \$1,000,000.

An additional tax of 7 per cent on toilet soap and toilet-soap powders to yield \$4,000,000.

A 10 per cent tax on the sale by manufacturers, producers or importers of perfumes, cosmetics and medicinal articles in lieu of the present tax on the consumer to yield \$10,000,000.

An additional 5 per cent tax on jewelry and precious metals to yield \$25,000,000.

An additional tax of 5 per cent on musical instruments to yield \$13,000,000.

An additional tax of 5 per cent on motion picture films to yield \$4,000,000.

In the readjustment of surtaxes, Mr. Houston proposed the division of incomes into "saved" or reinvested and "spent." On the former class he

WEED SLUMP BRINGS NO CHEAPER SMOKES

TOBACCO TUMBLES BUT CIGARS REFUSE TO BUDGE.

Fumigator Still Pays War Price for Cigarettes—Dealers Hold Out No Hope of Relief.

Like the old guard, determined never to retreat, cigars, tobaccos and cigarettes are still holding the strongly entrenched positions they took during the war period and are not conceding any capitulation in price. And this despite the fact that raw tobacco is quoted at unusually low figures, with growers hauling it back to their warehouses in protest at the offer.

"There will be no decrease in the price of tobacco for many months to come," said one dealer yesterday. "The present stocks have been manufactured from the crop of two years ago, which brought a phenomenal price to the grower. And until this stock is exhausted tobacco users may not hope for a reduction. Then there is the government tax. On this package of cigarettes, for instance, it amounts to 2 cents. Now, we have received no intimation that tobacco prices will decline. To the contrary, they may advance a trifle."

The "nickel" cigars of the pre-war period are still retailing at 6 to 8 cents. Ten-cent cigarettes, yet command a ready sale at 20 cents, and 10-cent cigars are two-for-a-quarter. EGGS may crash and coffee tumble, but the nicotine market remains firm and stable, defying the tendency of other commodities.

Tree, 95, Bears Apples

Seeds Brought Around Horn in Pockets of Hudson's Bay Officials.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Two apples grown on the famous old apple tree in Vancouver barracks, were picked today by A. A. Quarber. This apple tree is the oldest in the Pacific northwest if not the oldest in the United States. It was planted in 1826 by Bruce, the gardener for the Hudson's Bay Trading Company. This makes the apple tree more than 95 years old.

The seeds were brought around the Horn in a sailing vessel by Hudson's Trading Company officials, who carried them in a waistcoat pocket. The tailor was cleaning out the pockets and found these apple seeds, and he gave them to the gardener who planted them. Many trees were raised. All have died except one.

WIDOW NAMED SHERIFF

Lincoln County Court Appoints Mrs. William Simpson to Office.

TOLEDO, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. M. A. Simpson, widow of William Simpson, sheriff of Lincoln county, who died at an Albany hospital yesterday as the result of cerebral meningitis and who was buried today at Elk City, was appointed today by the county court to fill out the unexpired term of her late husband. Mrs. Simpson has served as a deputy for the last two years and is well qualified for the office.

Sheriff Simpson won by a large majority on the democratic ticket in the November election although the county vote went heavily republican in all other contests.

DOG CAN'T WAG OLD GLORY

Jap Will Put No More Flags on Toy Canines.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—The display for sale of a toy dog with a miniature American flag attached to its tail brought S. Ishikawa into the municipal court today. Mrs. Ralph M. Kirtland, president of the women's civic league of Malden and a member of the Daughters of the Revolution, complained that it was shown at Ishikawa's novelty shop in the Back Bay.

The merchant admitted the fact but pleaded that there was no intention to show disrespect for the Stars and Stripes. He was fined \$10 with an admonition to take from his stock any other offending articles.

FORESTERS NAME OLCOTT

Oregon Governor Is Chairman of Session at Harrisburg, Pa.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 8.—There should be a national forest programme that would invade the rights or prerogatives of the states, but a constructive programme of protection of the nation's interests, said Governor Sproul in opening the first national conference of foresters today. Forestry officials from 35 states attended.

B. W. Olcott, governor of Oregon, was chosen chairman.

CHICAGO MAY GET MINT

Secretary Houston Recommends New Plant to Increase Output.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Establishment of a new coinage mint at Chicago to increase the output of coins was recommended to congress today. The recommendation was made by Secretary Houston.

CANADIAN SHOCKS WORLD'S LEAGUE

Diplomats Plainly Show Their Astonishment.

EUROPEAN CONTROL FLAYED

50,000 Dead Price Dominion Paid for Statesmanship.

BRITISH FEEL THRUST

Australian Supports Attack, While Frenchman Takes Speaker to Task for Blow.

GENEVA, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The liveliest emotion the assembly of the league of nations has experienced was provoked today by N. W. Rowell of Canada, who expressed his views regarding European statesmanship in a way that started a sharp debate among the technical organizations that the assembly propose to the governments to set up under the auspices of the league three new organizations, financial, transit and health, with annual conferences on these subjects.

Mr. Rowell objected on the ground that it was impossible for distant countries to send their best men abroad four times a year to attend the assembly and the conferences, and declared that the result would be to throw these organizations under European influence. The assembly, he held, should occupy itself with these questions.

Canada Averse to Control.

Canada at any rate, he said, felt that these were questions that should not be allowed to fall into European control.

"Fifty thousand Canadian soldiers under the sod in France and Flanders is the price Canada has paid for European statesmanship," he cried, to the astonishment of the entire assembly and the dismay of some of the delegates.

Arthur Balfour and Mr. Fisher were plainly affected by the thrust from a British dominion; they remained motionless in their seats through the balance of the debate with grave faces. Lord Robert Cecil, representing South Africa in the assembly, in a gentle way softened the blow by saying that he agreed with much that Mr. Rowell had said, but thought that the organizations would fall under the control of Europe. He could not go into debate as to whether

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SENATE MAY TABLE ALL APPOINTMENTS

PRESIDENT LISTS MORE THAN 47,000 FOR CONFIRMATION.

Both Republican and Democratic Leaders in Upper House Oppose Action Till Next Congress.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate executive clerk found himself almost covered up today by a flood of presidential appointments, more than 47,000 in all. The list includes several thousand postmasters and departmental nominations, which were placed before the senate in the last session of congress and went over without action.

It is understood that not one of these nominations will be confirmed, the purpose of republican leaders being to carry them over for the new administration to consider. Among them are some appointments to what democratic senators are opposed, appointments which were entirely personal on the part of the president and made without consulting his party advisers.

Examples of such appointments are three men named to the interstate commerce commission. Several democratic senators from the west, led by Key Pittman of Nevada, are bitterly opposed to these appointments, which fall to recognize the west in a single case. Nevada had a candidate in the person of J. F. Shaughnessy, who was the choice of the intermountain country, which now has no representation on the board.

Republicans also find fault with the men selected by the president as the republican members of the shipping board. One of these is Chester Rowell of Fresno, Cal., who was chosen as a republican by the president after he had quit the republican party to support Cox for president, and Phelan, democrat, for senator.

Oregon postmasters nominated include John M. Jones of Portland, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Frank S. Myers, who summarily was removed as postmaster of Portland many months ago. As the appointment originally was made during the recess of congress, Mr. Jones' name had not reached the senate before today.

Other Oregon nominations are Ross R. Cain, Crane; Mary A. Pymbrock, Oswego; Rena A. Whipple, Rogue River; Henry E. Grimm, Seapoozie; David Blumenstein, Elkin; Victor G. Greenlake, Huntington; Lester B. Cronin, Pendleton; Mary O. Vail, Carlton; Stephen A. Easterday, Clatskanie; Ira Wimberly, Drain; David M. Roberts, Graham; Margaret J. Blake, Lone; Elizabeth Thompson, Nappa; Edward D. Alexander, Starbuck; O. Edward Marvin, Wallawa.

Washington appointments include Thomas A. Graham, Goldendale.

SUNDAY BALL ILLEGAL

Texas Court of Appeals Says Movies Come Under Ban Also.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 8.—Sunday motion-picture shows and Sunday baseball games are illegal in Texas, the state court of criminal appeals held today.

When admission fees are not charged, shows and games are not illegal.

SOLDIER BONUS BILL TO BE SIDETRACKED

GRANT TO SERVICE MEN NOW HELD IMPOSSIBLE.

Nation's Finances Declared to Be Such as to Necessitate Exercise of Economy.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8.—From reliable sources it was ascertained today that the senate will take the responsibility of saying there will be no cash bonus granted soldiers of the world war at this session of congress.

The senate finance committee, deeply impressed by the report of Secretary of the Treasury Houston, will meet some time next week and definitely shelve the soldier bonus bill which passed the house in the last session of congress.

In the present state of the country's finances, in the view of senate leaders, the treasury must not be asked to stand any large grants of public funds that can possibly be avoided. Protests come from everywhere for reduction in taxes, the leaders say, while the burdens already assumed by the government are so large that any relief looks difficult of accomplishment.

To add another billion dollars or more for a cash bonus for the soldiers at this time, it is said, would cause serious complications. This will not be done, it is explained, in any spirit of opposition to the war veterans' demands, but because present necessities make the greatest measure of economy imperative.

NON-VOTERS DISCHARGED

Railroad Workers Take Time Off but Do Not Go to Polls.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 8.—About 75 Southern Pacific shop workers have been discharged for taking two hours off election day November 2, to vote and failing to do so, according to W. S. Watkins, superintendent of shops.

A check of precinct records, Watkins said, showed that most of the men laid off failed to vote.

NAVY WILL EASE REINS

More Local Government Is to Be Allowed in Santo Domingo.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Replaxation of the naval administration in Santo Domingo has been decided upon by the American government.

A decree providing for an extension of local government control is in preparation at the state department, it was announced today and will be promulgated soon.

JAPAN RECOGNIZES MEXICO

Brazil Also Sends Recognition of Obregon Government.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8.—Japan has recognized the new Mexican government, according to a dispatch received from Leopoldo Blanquez, Mexican minister in Tokyo, and made public tonight by the foreign office.

The foreign office also announced that Brazil had recognized the government.

DE VALERA IN U. S. HORN TO BRITISH

Request for Official Action Is Considered.

HOSTILE STAND IS RESENTED

Honor Paid "Irish President" Is Held Unfriendly Act.

BONAR LAW MAKES PLEA

Time Declared at Hand for England to Make Serious Representations to America.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British government is considering whether it will request the United States government, in the interests of Anglo-American friendship, to take official notice of the anti-British activities in America of Professor Edmund de Valera, "president of the Irish republic" according to a statement made today by Andrew Bonar Law in the house of commons in response to questions.

Horatio Bottomley, liberal, later asked whether the time had not arrived when Great Britain should make serious representations to the American government that any further toleration of De Valera and the conferring on him of municipal honors was an unfriendly act. This was greeted by cries of "No."

Mr. Bonar Law answered: "I think there is no doubt that we would, from the diplomatic point of view, have the right to take the course suggested, but it is not a question of a right, but of what is expedient."

Responding to another query, Mr. Bonar Law said:

"Undoubtedly a very severe campaign is being conducted in America against this country, but to British ears the Americans can be trusted to look at the matter from a reasonable point of view."

BRITAIN BANS COMMITTEE

Visa of Passports for Investigators to Go to Echin Refused.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The special committee of six which the commission of the committee of 100 now holding hearings here on the Irish question had hoped to send to England and Ireland to gather first-hand information will not be permitted to visit Great Britain.

William Macdonald, secretary of the commission, was informed in a letter sent today by R. L. Craigie, first secretary of the British embassy, that "the British government has no territory in not agreeable to his majesty's government" and that therefore the embassy would not give the passports issued to members of the committee by the American state department.

Mr. Craigie's letter apparently was in reply to one from Mr. Macdonald making formal application for visa of the passports.

Members of the special committee which it had been planned to send to England and Ireland as announced by the commission were Oliver P. Newman, ex-district commissioner of this city; the Rev. Norman Thomas and Arthur Gleason of New York, James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania state federation of labor; William Macdonald, secretary of the University of Chicago.

Passports issued to the members of the committee were for "travel and study in Europe, including Great Britain" or for purposes similarly stated. It was said today at the state department.

Applications for the passports were made by the committee members individually and thus the question of whether the state department would grant passports for a committee as such to go to England and Ireland was not raised.

Whether further efforts will be made to send a committee to Ireland had not been determined tonight by the commission, Frederick Howe, its chairman, announced after discussing with members of that body the British embassy's refusal. Mr. Howe said that while some members of the commission had been surprised by the embassy's action, to others it had not come unexpectedly.

"With reference to your application for visa of the passports of certain gentlemen whom your committee have designated as their representatives to proceed to the United Kingdom to investigate conditions in Ireland, I am directed by his Britannic majesty's ambassador to inform you that the proposed visit to British territory is not agreeable to his majesty's government. Visas will, therefore, not be affixed to the passports in question. The passport officer in New York has been instructed accordingly."

"This decision has been reached after full consideration of the circumstances of the case and I am to refer it to the ambassador's letter of October 23 in which he informed you that he was unable to believe that the truth could be established until there had been a period of quiet in Ireland and then only by persons of the greatest experience of the laws of evidence, with how to compel the

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ENEMY EVENS SCORE AND GIVES CUPID AID

STEP-FATHER FRUSTRATED IN ATTEMPT TO STOP WEDDING.

Man Who Said Parent Once Attacked Him Helps Boy and Girl Defeatirate Papa.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Coached by an alleged enemy of his step-father, Ralph W. Hamblin, 18 years old, obtained a marriage license and was married here today to Beryl L. Colestock, 16 years old, of Portland, before the irate step-father could stop the ceremony.

They were married by Cedric Miller, a justice of the peace. The man who conducted the lad through the mazes of matrimony for minors said that he was almost beaten to death by the step-father recently when he pleaded for the boy, who was being treated cruelly. Only the screams of a woman saved his life, he said.

The written consent of his mother, Mrs. Eva Hamilton, 1031 East Twenty-second street, Portland, which the youthful bridegroom presented to the license clerk was false, according to the step-father, who asserted that he was the boy's legal guardian.

PROMINENT COUPLE WED

Miss Leone Cronkwhite of Seattle Bride of Nelson C. Bowles.

Miss Leone Cronkwhite and Nelson C. Bowles, members of prominent Seattle and Portland families, respectively, were married last night at the apartments of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bowles, at the Mallory hotel. Dr. Joshua Stansfield of the First Methodist church, officiated. About 30 members of the families of the couple attended the ceremonies. Miss Ruth Eldridge of Seattle was bridesmaid, and Wallace Bowles of Portland acted as best man.

The bride and bridegroom left last night on a wedding trip to southern California, after which they will make their home in Seattle, where Mr. Bowles conducts a large business in plumbing and steamfittering supplies.

FIRE TUG AIDS SUBURY

Big Freighter With Hold Burning Enters San Diego Harbor.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 8.—Convoys by a municipal fire tug sent to its aid, the steamer Subury, bound from New York to San Francisco, which was reported afloat last night near this port, came into the harbor shortly before 10 o'clock tonight.

It is reported that a fire was still burning in the Subury's after hold.

The steamer had a heavy list to port.

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ANOTHER FIGHTER HELD AS GANGSTER

Young Girl Said to Be Williams' Victim.

WOMAN AMONG ARRESTED

Spud Murphy and Others Face New Charges.

BOXERS' ATTACK FAILS

Efforts to Get Indictment Dismissed Because of Alleged Faults Falls in Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Louis Williams, said by the police to be a prizefighter, and Adeline Devozent today were held for investigation of charges that they were implicated with four others in an attack on a young girl in Golden Gate park on Thanksgiving day. The four others were said by the police to be prizefighters, Williams and the Devozent woman were charged with a statutory offense.

The alleged attack came the same day after that on the other young women, in a shack in the Mission district, committed, according to police charges, by Edmond (Spud) Murphy and others.

More Indictments Returned.

Indictments were returned here today against George Boyd and Charles Valente charging a statutory offense in connection with an attack on two young girls in the same shack here November 10. Boyd and Valente already are under indictment in Santa Rosa for murder in connection with the shooting and killing Sunday of three peace officers who were attempting to complete a round-up of alleged criminal gangsters.

Indictments were returned against other of the accused gangsters, were again indicted on a similar charge. Daniel Logue, also said to be a member of the gang, was indicted on the same charge today. He is said by police to be a fugitive from justice.

Bodies Lie in State.

Unsuccessful efforts to have the felony indictment against him dismissed as faulty were made in court here by Murphy.

An hour after Murphy's appearance in court the bodies of Detective Sergeant Miles M. Jackson and Detective Lester H. Dorman of the San Francisco police department, two of the officers killed Sunday, were taken to the rotunda of the city hall, to lie in state there until their funerals tomorrow.

SLAYER'S CONDITION SERIOUS

Bullet Believed to Have Struck Vital Organs of George Boyd.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The condition of George Boyd of Seattle, ex-convict and confessed slayer of three peace officers here Sunday, was said by attending physicians to be approaching a critical stage at noon today after an earlier announcement that his condition was improving. Boyd was shot in the abdomen by Miles Jackson, detective sergeant of the San Francisco police department, one of the officers he is accused of murdering.

It has been necessary to employ a male nurse and fit up a ward in the jail as a hospital room for Boyd. Officials fear to remove him to a hospital because of threatened violence.

Distinct complications developed today, the physicians reported, and there were evidence that the bullet had hit a vital portion. Jail officials said he was receiving every possible attention, but that the lack of regular hospital facilities was being felt.