

TAX BILL GREATEST IN WORLD'S HISTORY

Country, Says Representative Hawley, Will Accept Measure Cheerfully.

PROFITEERS TO DISGORGE

Oregon Member Declares Bill Places Burden Most Heavily on Those Best Able to Bear It and Will Injure No Industry.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 14.—That the new revenue bill will meet the approval of the country, that it will place the burden most heavily upon those best able to bear it and that it will not injure any industry, is the confident assertion of Representative W. C. Hawley, of Oregon, who, as the only Pacific Coast member of the ways and means committee, was almost constant attendance upon the sessions of the committee while the bill was being formed. When requested to give a summary of the sources from which the bill will raise revenue and of his views of it in a general way, Mr. Hawley said:

The committee on ways and means in framing the war revenue bill had three principal questions to consider: From what sources can eight billions of revenue be raised; how should the taxes be apportioned among the taxpayers to take from each according to his ability to pay and to burden no business or industry more than it is able to bear; and what rates to levy in order to express this apportionment in language.

There is one class the committee made a special endeavor to reach—that is the war profiteers, who must be made to disgorge the shameless profits they have obtained through unscrupulous means.

Taxes on New Basis. As a general rule, the rates in the bill are twice those in existing laws, and whose new sources of revenue have been included they have been based on the new basis with the exception of articles classified as luxuries, in which the rates have been made much higher.

The committee made a faithful endeavor to levy the taxes on a fair and impartial basis and some kinds of taxes are included only by reason of the great necessity of war, and can be continued only during the war. In order to guard against unintentional injustice the bill creates an advisory tax board with sufficient power to afford justifiable relief.

Sixty-eight per cent will be raised by income taxes. It is estimated that the normal taxes will yield \$414,000,000 and the surtax \$1,198,140,000, a total of \$1,612,140,000. Corporations will pay a normal tax of \$284,000,000 and under the new provisions, or excess profits method, whichever is higher, \$3,200,000,000, or a total of \$4,194,000,000.

Eight Billion Left. The net income for the year is estimated to be \$7,700,000,000 and adding together the income taxes of all kinds we have \$11,812,140,000, or \$4,194,000,000, making a total of \$15,676,140,000. It is estimated that personal incomes total \$7,400,000,000 and adding the corporation and personal incomes together we have a total of \$17,100,000,000 for purposes of taxation. Producing the taxes to be paid out of this total there is left about \$11,400,000,000 with which to buy Liberty bonds and provide stamps, operate business and provide living.

The above computations do not, of course, take into account the income tax on profits and net taxable, which aggregate some billions of dollars. While the amount to be raised under the bill is very great, it would appear that there was left to the country a safe margin for operations. The bill imposes the income tax upon the profits of the business, existing law, including the President, Federal judges, state, county and local officials.

Luxuries Taxed Higher. The remaining \$2,200,000,000 will be raised from a variety of sources. Articles classed as luxuries have been taxed at a high rate. The bill will yield to the Treasury the enormous sum of \$8,182,402,000, making it the greatest tax bill in the history of the world. I believe the country will cheerfully pay that and that the taxes will be cheerfully paid.

This bill can be justified only as a war measure and because it is better to maintain sufficient funds for the current fiscal year to enable the military forces to strike hard and fast on the fighting fronts, than to prolong the struggle by less vigorous methods of warfare, which cost much less in human life and suffering, which is the great consideration, and also less in treasure. Secretary McAdoo estimates that the war will cost \$24,000,000,000 this year, including about \$7,000,000,000 to be loaned our allies, and that one-third of this amount should be raised by taxation in order to prudently and safely finance the war and sell Liberty bonds and the committee, upon investigation, agreed with him. The bill was ordered reported by common consent.

HUNS ARE CAUGHT IN TRAP

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in No Man's Land. Much booty and ammunition have fallen to the Franco-American allies.

Prisoners and refugees alike are greatly impressed by the fact that the Americans are eating white bread, regarding it as a particularly ominous sign for Germany.

Throughout the night and early today Pershing's men continued to advance and finished cleaning up the St. Mihiel salient. They cleared the forest of lurking Germans.

Prisoners make conflicting statements respecting German preparedness for an attack in this sector. Some say it was unexpected; others declare they had advance information of the hour and place of the attack. Still others expected it would take place on the night of the attack. The post's command was being moved when the attack began, and therefore was caught unawares in the barrage. This apparently explains the light counter artillery fire Thursday morning.

A German prisoner officer is quoted as saying: "The Hindenburg line in its present state is untenable."

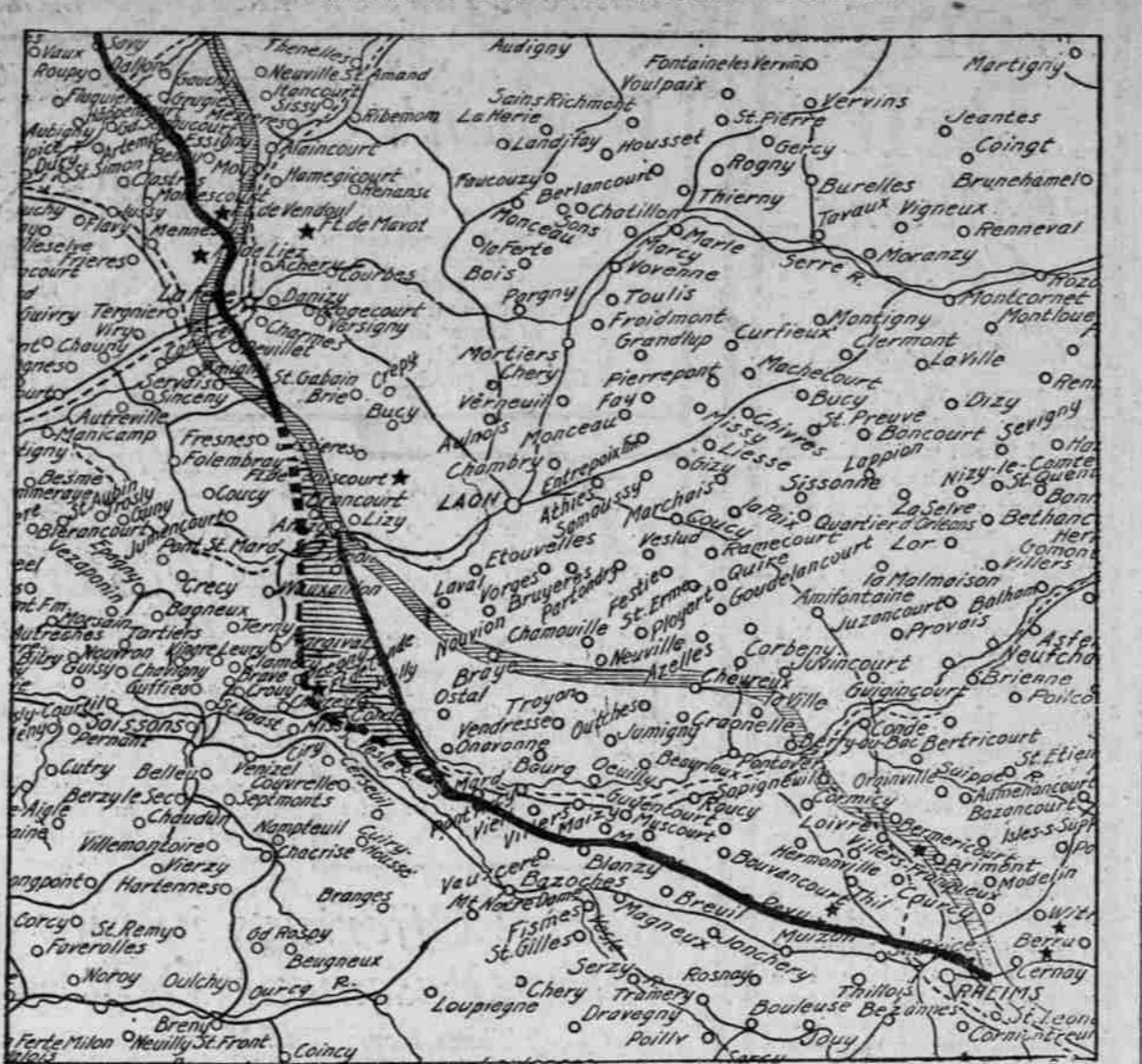
LONDON, Sept. 14.—(By the Associated Press, 1:30 P. M.)—General Pershing's troops in their operations in the St. Mihiel sector have increased the number of Germans captured to 15,000.

Yankees Advance 13 Miles. In addition to the 15,000 Germans captured by the Americans in the St. Mihiel salient, more prisoners are coming in. The inside of the pocket has not yet been cleared and it is expected that more guns will be taken.

The maximum depth of the new positions taken by the American forces in the St. Mihiel sector is 13 miles from the former line.

North of the old St. Mihiel salient Germans are readjusting their lines. Freshers, the enemy is retiring and near Chantilly, six miles northwest of

MAPS SHOWING AREA OF PRESENT FIGHTING OPERATIONS IN FRANCE WITH TERRITORY REGAINED BY FRENCH IN SATURDAY'S FIGHTING.



Upper Map Shows Approximate Gains by French Between Aisne and Vesle Rivers Saturday as Embarked in Shaded Portion. Broken Line Indicates Front Where French Started Advance. While Black Line Shows Present Battle Front. In Lower Map, the Great St. Mihiel Salient Eliminated by the American Army in Two Days' Fighting is Shown. Black Line Shows Present Fighting Front, With Arrows Pointing to Direction of American Advance. Triple Line Shows Farthest German Advance in 1918 Prior to Retreat After Battle of Marne. Double Line Indicates Battle Front Prior to American Offensive.

PERU KEEPS OUT OF WAR

MOVE TOWARD HOSTILITIES VOTED DOWN BY DEPUTIES.

Rupture of Relations With Germany Continued and Republic Stands for Democracy.

LIMA, Peru, Sept. 14.—Motion for declaration of war on Germany, made at a secret session of the Peruvian Chamber of Deputies last night, was defeated by a large majority. Instead the Chamber approved a motion presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs reading as follows:

"The rupture of diplomatic relations between Peru and Germany on October 5, 1917, and the later acts of the Peruvian government resulting from said rupture, altering the neutral policy of the country, define the international situation of Peru in the present war and constitute a demonstration of the adherence of the republic to the cause of liberty and right."

"This position, in the event of no new circumstances, should be maintained and unaltered as a protest against the outrage of which Peru was

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the victim and as testimony of our solidarity with the great American democracy."

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OREGON TOTAL 105,000

LATE REGISTRATION EXPECTED TO SEND FIGURE HIGHER.

More Than 99,000 Men on Rolls, With Five Counties Missing; 40,309 in Portland.

Minus reports from five counties and with incomplete returns from four others Oregon's registration day enrollment total last night stopped just short of 100,000—at 99,714. The day's record gives full promise of mounting to 105,000, as estimated Friday.

What are known as late registrations, including all received by draft boards after September 12, will easily put the final state aggregate beyond the inclusive estimate of 100,000.

Late registrations, under strict orders from Washington, are being kept separate from those of the official day and will be reported later. One division in Portland yesterday had approximately 150 such enrollments laid aside. Other boards here and out in the state will all have such listings to report.

Careful revision of the one day's registration in Portland did not swell the city's total, leaving it at 40,309, according to compilations at state draft headquarters.

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