

BIG FIRMS WOULD DEFER PAYMENT OF INCOME TAXES

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Washington, Nov. 16. — Should corporations and manufacturing concerns which haven't the money to pay their last installment of income taxes on December 15 be allowed to postpone payment until they have more cash on hand, or should Uncle Sam insist that the business houses which haven't saved up enough to pay their taxes, suffer the consequences of their mistake?

This question is being put up to the treasury department because of the fears of certain textile concerns that unless the government helps out by postponing the December payment on income taxes, there will be bankruptcy proceedings in many large business establishments.

HAS NO DISCRETION
But the treasury department has no discretion in the matter and officials there say congress alone can cause the postponement of any payment on income taxes. Inasmuch as congress meets on Monday, December 6, a new law would have to be passed immediately, because the present law requires payment on December 15 and provides penalties for failure to pay. It is doubtful whether any satisfactory measure could be jammed through in a week, for it opens up the whole subject of taxation. The most that might be accomplished is a simple amendment to existing revenue laws giving the treasury department temporary discretion to act in cases wherein the facts prove a postponement is absolutely essential to prevent ruin. Officials who administer the income tax laws, however, are afraid of such a provision. They say it will require a huge staff and lots of money to determine what is a meritorious case. The income tax bureau has a hard time handling the present provisions of the law without new burdens, yet officials recognize the emergency and realize how serious the consequence may be to the public if many concerns are forced into bankruptcy.

EFFICIENT MEN QUIT
Income tax executives say they are losing men as fast as they employ new ones. Government salaries are not comparable to the attractive offers made by the business world. Yet the Republicans, being pledged to economy and cutting down government expenditures, are not in the mood to increase the government payroll.

As a matter of fact, it isn't the fault of the government that business houses have failed to accumulate a reserve wherewith to pay income taxes. Many corporations did make provisions for their December tax, but the money market became so tight that they couldn't borrow funds to carry on the usual turnover. So they borrowed from themselves—they used up money that should have been kept for income tax payments. Daniel C. Roper, former commissioner of internal revenue, who favors postponing payment of income taxes, insists that the government would be amply protected if it required an interest rate of 8 per cent on deferred payments. This would be higher than market rates of interest and would tend to discourage too much borrowing from corporation funds that should be set aside for income tax payments. Yet the entrance of Uncle Sam into the commercial world as a lender of money to private business concerns is a new thing and the chief difficulty about it all is the discrimination made necessary by such a step. Where can the line be drawn? Many an individual who pays a small income tax will want to postpone payment, especially since the rate of interest will not be a disturbing factor to him.

LEGISLATION MUST BE BROAD
The legislation will have to be broad enough to cover those who pay small as well as large income taxes. Treasury

officials are not prepared to say what the effect upon government finance this postponement of revenue collection will make. The United States government has been counting upon collections from income taxes in order to pay its own obligations. Congress will be plunged into a discussion of the whole tax problem at the moment the December session begins. The excess profits tax is bound to be repealed or modified. Even inside the government, where this tax has been looked upon as a splendid money-getter, converts are being made daily to the view that the excess profits tax has outlived its usefulness. But what shall be put in its place? The tax experts are far from unanimous in their suggestions. The demand of a few dozen concerns

that they be permitted to postpone payment of December taxes is but a symptom of the intense agitation which is expected next month and throughout the remainder of the year on the subject of taxation. It will not be surprising if the tax question takes even more time than the old controversy on the tariff which used to consume a whole session of congress to the exclusion of other important legislative proposals. More individuals and more interests are affected by taxation than by all the tariff laws of history, and the sums to be raised nowadays are as many times greater than the largest tariff law congress ever passed.

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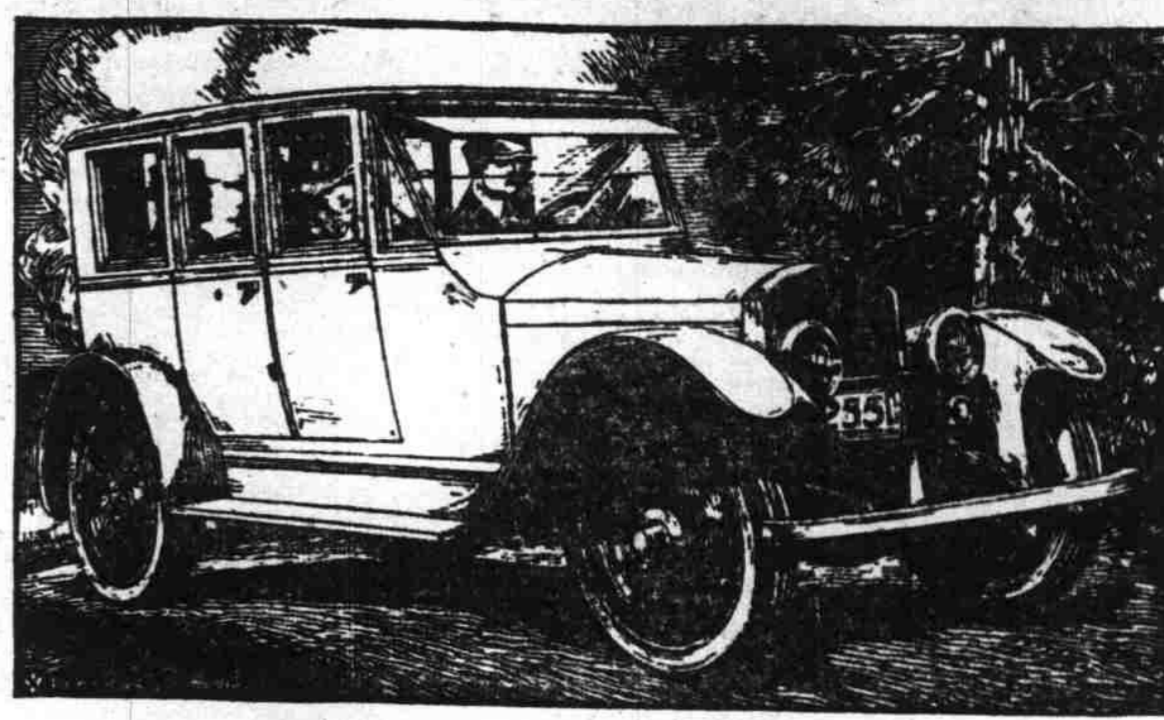
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