

# REVISION OF TAXES IS HASTY

### Penrose and Smoot Admit Revision Under Way Is But Temporary in Effect.

By A. O. Hayward  
Washington, Oct. 4.—Taxation systems and plans are the chief topic of general discussion in congress these days. The whole subject of taxation has been thrown open by the admissions of Senators Penrose and Smoot that the present tax revision is only temporary, being rushed now for the purpose of relieving the country from some obnoxious business from the worst of its stifling tax burdens. They announce that soon a general revision of the taxation system of the country must be undertaken and a more scientific plan of taxation substituted for the catch-revenue schemes now in operation.

All tax theorists of house and senate agree that there shall be no abandonment of the general plan of imposing taxes on incomes and on inheritances. These taxes seem certain to stay, but the systems under which they shall be imposed and the rates will be the subject of debate in congress until a plan better than that now in operation is adopted.

Representatives of new schools of thought in tax matters are arising in congress. For the most part they present old systems of taxation clothed in new details. Senator Smoot and Representative Bacharach, of New Jersey, are urging substitution of a general sales tax for the multitude of small taxes now levied. They claim that a 1 per cent sales tax, avoiding many of the turnovers in sales, will produce \$1,000,000,000. The tax can be adjusted easily to produce necessary revenues.

### To Work Out New System

Representative Oscar E. Keller, of Minnesota, leading a number of western representatives, is pressing for a land values tax. At a small rate, but easily adjustable, it can be made to yield, he claims, sufficient revenues to meet the government needs, and worrisome indiscriminate taxation can be done away with.

Older members of congress, who have seen many changes in tax systems declare that, with the changing sentiment in the country as to taxation methods, there will come some combination scheme of a sales tax and a land value tax that will wipe out the present system of hodge-podge taxes and base a federal internal

revenue tax system on incomes, inheritances, general sales and land values.

### Seek to Force Out Vast Holders

The sales tax has grown in congressional favor rapidly during recent months. It is held in abeyance now for imposition in the event a soldier cash bonus, with its \$1,500,000,000 demands, is authorized by congress at the next session. Once it is adopted as a part of the tax system it will remain permanently, is the general prediction. After payment of the soldier bonus its revenues will be used for ordinary expenses of the government.

The land values tax has not so many advocates at the present time, but it is coming more and more to the front in all tax discussions, especially when western men participate. They are advocating it for the double purpose of freeing themselves from the many small taxes and to force monopolistic land owners to pay huge taxes, or to throw their holdings on the market. Vast estates are held in idleness, they contend, by the great lumber companies, by the oil and other mining companies, and by the hydro-electric water power companies, all waiting for future developments of the country for exploitation by the owners.

These vast tracts of unimproved lands are taxed but little by the states, and this has aroused resentment by the state tax payers, it is said, who claim that they must pay the taxes on their developments for the benefit of the rich landowners, who can afford to wait until improvements march up to their property, when they will reap a wonderful harvest on their investment. Stiff federal taxes on such land values will have the effect, it is believed, of forcing some of these vast holdings from their owners and, through their development in small holdings, enrich both state and nation.

## Battle of Suds Ends In a Clean Victory

Yonkers, N. Y., Oct. 4.—On July 23 last Nan Patterson, original "Florodora" sextette beauty, who was tried on a charge of murdering Caesar Young some twenty-odd years ago, was doing her own washing in a small apartment here.

According to the story she told Acting City Judge Charles W. Boote, in court, Francis S. Feich, her landlord, who lives in the same building, wanted the use of the wash tub for his family, and in a discussion which arose he grabbed Miss Patterson, she says, pushed her back over the tub and choked her.

Right then it started, Miss Patterson told Judge Boote, and when the argument was over the former "Florodora" girl had command of the wash tub and immediate vicinity, while Mr. Feich lodged a complaint of assault against his tenant.

## New Organist At Oregon Theatre



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Recently of Pasadena, Cal., who will give a Wurlitzer concert, at the Oregon, Wednesday at 8:00 P. M.

## Dallas News Notes

Dallas, Or., Oct. 4.—Some weeks ago a number of people living just west of Monmouth petitioned the county court for a new road district, to be designated as road district No. 25, and that the new road district was to be taken from districts Nos. 8, 12 and 20. The court took the matter under advisement and has decided that the district should be created. It takes in a number of square miles in what is known as Copper Hollow near Antloch school.

Polk county is to have another special election, at this time, it will not be a recall. The county court has decided that it will be necessary to levy a tax of \$70,000 for the general road district fund to provide proper and adequate construction and maintenance of public roads and projects in the county. The order for the special levy was signed on the 30th of September and presented to the county clerk yesterday, directing him to call an election on November 8, 1921, asking the people to vote the \$70,000 increase for road purposes.

Just recently a friendly suit was instituted in Polk county by U. S. Grant demanding that the county

were granted citizenship by the usual hearing in the court, but two soldier boys did not have to go to the trouble of the other applicants and appeared in court only presenting their witnesses and showing their military record, and after taking the oath of allegiance were declared citizens. They were Herman P. Van Well, a Holander, and Arthur E. Long, an Englishman, who served in the army during the period of the war. The grand jury drawn for the court term was as follows: H. R. Underhill of Independence; A. W. Vernon of Independence; S. H. Crowley of Rickreall; Charles C. Campbell of Rickreall; L. N. Bilyou of Dallas route 2; Bert Clamfield of Amity route 2; Frank W. Crawford of Dallas route 1. There being no particular work the grand jury was dismissed subject to the call of the district attorney or the court. Many of the jurors asked to be excused, deeming that their harvest needed them more so than did the court, but they were denied the privilege, owing to the fact that there is a large docket and every jurymen no doubt will be in service during the term.

## Cupid Appears to Be Part of Curriculum

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Dan Cupid, he of archer fame, is being aided and abetted by our higher education, if statistics compiled by the University of Chicago are a just criterion. For—

More than 11 per cent of the men graduates of the University of Chicago marry or become engaged within the first year after their graduation. Of the 165 men graduated from the university a year ago in June, according to the statistics which were compiled by the class of 1920, twenty-one succumbed to the diminutive Dan's darts ere a twelvemonth had elapsed.

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## Mexico Puts Ban On Aliens No More Poor Emigrants from Europe Wanted; Must Have \$500 to Enter.

Mexico City, Oct. 4.—Because Mexico already has multitudes of poor people the government wants no additions from foreign lands. For this reason a decision has been reached that immigrants from Europe must possess 1000 pesos, or \$500, to be admitted into Mexico. This is to prevent an influx of poverty-stricken families, which, instead of developing farm land and adding to the wealth of the nation, would immediately enter into competition with Mexican wage earners.

A number of colonization schemes will be affected by this new requirement that newcomers must have \$500. There are plans on foot to bring into Mexico great numbers of immigrants from Russia, Germany, Australia, Italy and other countries, in the manner in which herds were shipped to the United States in former years. But Mexico is not like the United States. It does not need and could not receive even a small part of what was once the annual inflow into the United States of men and women who carried with them empty pocketbooks, good appetites and immediate need of work.

Some hard experiences have guided the Mexican government to its new policy. Arrivals who have come for the purpose of forming the "farming colonies" have proved to be nothing more than groups of engaging in agriculture. These have scattered to various cities and have become competitors of Mexican workers at a time when work has been scarce in Mexico. One party of six hundred German farming colonists did not proceed farther than Mexico City. Numbers of the "farmers" came to Mexico with the intention of seeking work at Tampico, having heard

tales that enormous wages were paid there. It is said that more recent arrivals from Germany are actually going upon the land and that some prosperous colonies have been formed.

## ZR-2 Disaster Held Accident

Hull, Eng., Oct. 4.—The catastrophe to the giant airship ZR-2 over the Humber river on August 24, in which more than forty persons, including sixteen Americans, lost their lives, was due to accident, according to the verdict reached by the coroner's jury at the resumed inquest here today. There is no evidence as to the actual cause of the disaster, the verdict says.

Hull, Eng., Oct. 4.—The inquest over the victims of the giant dirigible ZR-2, wrecked August 24, with the loss of more than two score lives, including those of sixteen Americans, was resumed here today.

The coroner announced he had dealt fully at the previous hearing with all formal evidence, identifications and similar matters, and it was now the duty of the jury to find whether in its opinion the circumstances of the appalling disaster indicated any degree of criminal negligence or culpability, and, if so, to what degree.

## Police Chief Is Also Police Prosecutor

Cleveland, O., Oct. 4.—Edward G. Krauss, of East Cleveland, a suburb, occupies perhaps an unusual position. He holds the dual roles of chief of police and police prosecutor.

Krauss has been chief of police of the city for six years. A few months ago he was appointed police prosecutor. "It works fine," he said today. "The two jobs go hand in hand. My men go out and bring in prisoners, and I see that the prisoners get what is coming to them—if they're guilty." Krauss was graduated from law school and was admitted to the bar while working as chief of police. Shortly afterward he was appointed police prosecutor by the city manager.

## Archduke Is In Quandry

Vienna, Oct. 4.—The former Austrian Archduke Leopold Salvator is in a quandary. He was arrested a few days ago after having passed the Jugo-Slav frontier and deposited to Austria.

The ex-prince has neither the right to settle in Austria nor to live in either of the countries until he is discovered by the police, when he is at once deported.

It is said that the archduke's parents, with their eight daughters, are living in a small furnished flat at Barcelona, and that a housework has to be performed by the former archduchess.

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