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EVERYBODY IS NOW FIGURING INCOME TAX

In Order to Be Helpful to Public, Internal Revenue Bureau Has Every Available Officer in Field.

SEVERE PENALTIES IF YOU DELAY BEYOND MARCH 15

With the due date for Income Taxes only a few weeks away, the collection of this far-reaching tax on 1918 incomes has started off with a bang. Everybody is figuring income tax.

Payments and sworn statements of income must reach Internal Revenue offices on or before March 15, and there are severe penalties for delinquency.

Residents of Oregon are required to make their returns and pay their taxes to Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue, Portland, Ore., or to any of his deputy collectors who are now doing free advisory work on Income Tax.

"Pay your Income Tax by March 15," is the slogan of the Internal Revenue Bureau, which has sent every available officer into the field to help the public to understand the requirements and to prepare the returns.

Who Must Make Return.

It is estimated that many thousands of single and married persons in this section of the United States who have never before made annual returns are required to do so this year.

Income tax returns must be made between now and March 15 by persons who come under the following classifications:

Any unmarried person whose 1918 net income was \$1,000 or over. Widows and widowers, divorcees and married persons who are living apart from their husbands or wives, are for the purposes of the Income Tax classed as unmarried.

Any married person living with wife or husband whose 1918 net income was \$2,000 or over. The income of both husband and wife must be considered, together with the earnings of minor children, if any.

Revenue Bureau Offers Aid.

Each person in the United States who is in either of these classifications must get busy at once if penalties are to be avoided. He should secure a blank Form 1040 A for reporting net income up to \$5,000, or Form 1040 if his net income exceeded that amount. Forms are being distributed by Collectors and their Deputies, also by banks. By following the instructions on the forms a correct return can be prepared at home. If a person needs advice or aid, the Deputy Collectors in the field will furnish this without charge.

The new Revenue law places the Income Tax duty on citizens and residents. The Internal Revenue Bureau is sending its men to work right with the public to get the tax and the returns in. With active co-operation, every tax due March 15 will be paid and every return required by law will be in the Revenue offices on time.

Exemptions Allowed.

A single person is allowed a personal exemption of \$1,000. If he is supporting in his household relatives who are dependent upon him, he may claim the status of the head of a family who has the same exemption as if married.

A married person, who lives with wife or husband, is allowed a personal exemption of \$2,000. The head of a family is entitled to claim a similar personal exemption.

An additional exemption of \$200 is allowed for each person under eighteen or incapable of self support, who was dependent upon and received his chief support from the taxpayer.

A husband and wife living together are entitled to but one personal exemption of \$2,000. If they make separate returns, the exemption may be claimed by either or divided.

Accuracy Required.

Absolute accuracy is necessary in making up income figures. Any person who is working for wages should find out exactly how much he received during the whole year 1918. Fees, bank interest, bond interest, dividends, rents received, and all other items must be reported correctly. Mere guesses are not accepted, for they are unjust alike to the taxpayer and the Government, and defeat the proper administration of the law.

Walter Brackenbush and Peter Nelson, two alleged moonshiners, were arrested near Hillsdale, in Washington county. A small still for the manufacture of prune brandy was found in operation.

Oregon bankers subscribed approximately \$4,000,000 to the issue of United States certificates of indebtedness dated February 13. This issue is in anticipation of the fifth loan, and matures July 15.

WHO SAYS IT?

Stogging through the mud of France,
Camping in the rain;
Hiking in a frozen trance
Down some German plain;
"Fall in!"—hear the sergeant yell,
Far from home and clover;
Tell me, who the bally hell
Said the war "was over?"

Chow for breakfast—alum for noon—
Who says men are froh
While the bugler's foolish tune
Pipes the reveille?
"Right dress!"—hear the sergeant buzz.

From Mainz across to Dover;
Tell me who the hell it was
Said the war "was over?"
Cleaning up a mass of wire,
Stained with clotied blood
Where the big trucks bog and mire
In the winter mud;
Full of filth and fleas and fuzz—
Cannoneer and drover,
Tell me who the fat-head was
Said the war "was over?"

—Grantland Rice.

Cable the Peace Conference

America's prestige is at stake in the coming Victory Liberty Loan. The eyes of the world are fixed upon us. The nations of the world are going to rate us on this last effort. It is right that they should judge us, not by what we do in the heat of the struggle, but by our condition after the fight.

One of the best guarantees of world peace for years to come would be the successful flotation of the Victory Liberty Loan for five or six billion dollars. Even a combination of powers inclined to start another war would hesitate in the face of such a display of tremendous national strength.

Every man who buys a Victory Liberty Bond next April, moreover, will be adding to the determination with which America speaks at the Peace Conference. There are undoubtedly going to be many moments during that Conference when every whit of the power of the United States will be needed to shape into actualities those ideals for which we entered the world struggle.

Let the cables carry into the Quai d'Orsay this message:
"America has oversubscribed her Fifth Liberty Loan by more than a billion dollars."

THINK STRAIGHT

This is a time for straight thinking. Make sure the other fellow is not talking drivel. Analyze his thought, don't follow it. He may be suffering with phraseologic hemorrhage. It is epidemic now-a-days like influenza and much more serious.

For instance in regard to the Victory Liberty Loan and these fellows who thumb their vests, frown wisely, and say "Let the banks do it. They are bursting with money." They are talking drivel. It sounds fine but it isn't good sense. Nor is it good economics, which amounts to the same thing.

If the government thought it was wise to "let the banks do it," the government would let them do it. There would be no Victory Liberty Loan in the popular sense. But the government knows better than to let the banks do it.

This is the period of reconstruction right now. It is a period of many possibilities economically. One possibility is industrial depression. One preventative of industrial depression is plenty of money at favorable rates of interest to stimulate private enterprise. That means our banks must not be clogged with government securities. It means that we can't afford to "let the banks do it." The people must do it—do it from their earnings, present and future.

Think straight.

Support the Victory Liberty Loan.

Agitation has been begun on a movement for the annexation of the Mosier fruit district, now part of Wasco county, to Hood River county. It is said Mosier fruit growers favor the plan when the Hood River-Mosier section of the Columbia river highway is completed.

A plan to hold joint meetings of the executive committees of the chambers of commerce of North Bend and Marshfield monthly, as a means of promoting closer co-operation in matters affecting the welfare of the two communities, was indorsed at a meeting of the two bodies.

A co-operative shipping association, formed in August, 1918, by members of the farm bureau of Linn county, has shipped 26 carloads of livestock from six towns. The saving has been 50 cents a hundred pounds, or \$2000 on the 26 carloads. The present membership is 177 farmers.



ARMENIA AND SYRIA
ANOTHER JOB FOR THEIR UNCLE SAM

INCOME TAX IS TRULY POPULAR.

"The payment of Income taxes takes on a new significance which should be understood by every citizen. The taxation system of this country is truly popular, of the people, by the people and for the people. Every citizen is liable to tax, and the amount of the tax is graduated according to the success and fortune attained by each individual in availing himself of the opportunities created and preserved by our free institutions. The method and degree of the tax is determined by no favored class, but by the representatives of the people. The proceeds of the tax should be regarded as a national investment."—Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

SQUARE DEAL FOR EVERY INCOME TAX PAYER

Washington, D. C. — "The rights of all persons now filing Income Tax returns are amply protected by provisions for abatement, refunds and appeals," says Commissioner Daniel C. Roper.
"Every person can be sure of a square deal. No person is expected to pay more than his share of tax. His share is determined solely by the amount and nature of his net income for 1918, as defined in the law.
"Abatement petitions are dealt with open-mindedly. Refunds will be made in every case where too much tax is erroneously collected.
"The Income Tax is 'on the level' all the way through."

Vote 300 X Yes for Road Bonds.

BUTTER WRAPS

Furnished and Printed at the Leader office

SEND ME THE BILL



BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Posters advertising the "Victory Liberty Loan," will be displayed in all German territory occupied by American troops.

The final week of the 65th congress was ushered in Monday with the busiest seven days in all congressional history in prospect.

The German national assembly has decided that industrial material taken from France and Belgium must be returned, according to a dispatch from Weimar.

An agreement has been reached whereby the United States will obtain some of the best German merchant ships for transporting American soldiers homeward.

The proposal to sink the German warships now in the Scapa flow, it is generally stated in the English newspapers, is practically certain to be accepted by the peace conference.

The senate has passed the house bill directing the war risk insurance bureau to resume payment of allotments to enlisted men of the army and navy, which it discontinued last July.

Subscriptions to the fourth liberty loan have mounted to \$6,993,073,250, according to late reports announced by the treasury. The total announced soon after the loan campaign closed was \$6,989,000,000.

The public utilities commission of Utah has issued an order to all telephone companies that the rates and charges of service as stipulated by Postmaster General Burleson should not be recognized.

Veteran's Association Forming.

New York.—Incorporation under the laws of New York of the World War Veterans' Association, a proposed national organization to band together veterans of all branches of the service, aiding them to obtain employment and facilitating their return to civilian life, was announced here.

Police and Mobs Fight in Budapest.

Geneva.—Hundreds of casualties resulted from a series of street battles between the police and mobs at Budapest, capital of Hungary.

Polish Army Advances Steadily.

Warsaw.—The Polish forces are steadily advancing along the railways with Grodno, Slonim, Pinsk and Lutsk as their temporary objectives.

BOLSHEVIKI BEATEN BY ALLIED FORCES

Archangel.—Canadian, Italian, Siberian and Russian Karelian troops in an offensive movement southward along the Murmansk railway on February 19, pushed forward thirty-five miles, capturing considerable railway material and fifty prisoners and inflicting heavy losses on the Bolsheviks.

While the other troops moved through the woods on skis, outflanking the enemy at a bridge near the village of Cegishal, the Siberians attacked frontally along the railroad and drove the enemy beyond the bridge after considerable fighting.

An Arctic journey of probably the greatest magnitude since the famous Klondike gold rush has brought additional British troops to the Archangel front to reinforce greatly outnumbered troops fighting the bolsheviks. Hundreds of sleighs driving in single file over frozen tundra and along roads cut through pine forests completed the most difficult part of their 300-mile trip in 12 days.

The trip was planned and directed by members of Sir Ernest H. Shackleton's Antarctic expedition, including Dr. Macklin, and was a signal success. Sir Ernest himself, although not participating in the journey to the front, arrived at Archangel on an ice-breaker with the first detachment of reinforcing troops.

INCOME TAX PAYS FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS.

"Viewed in its largest and truest sense, the payment of taxes is payment for benefits received or expected. Only from a narrow and essentially selfish and shortsighted viewpoint can the individual propose to himself the evasion of tax liability as a desirable course of action." —Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

PAY AND FILE INCOME TAX BEFORE MAR. 15

U. S. Internal Revenue Bureau Gives Warning That Severe Penalties Will Be Enforced.

WOMEN WITHIN LAW'S SCOPE; HOW THEY REPORT INCOME

The Income Tax drive comes to a close on Saturday night, March 15.

All payments and returns due on that date under the provisions of the new Revenue Law must be in the hands of local Internal Revenue Collectors before their offices close that night.

The Income Tax is being collected to meet the war expenses. Every person who, shouted and tooted his horn on Armistice Day is now called upon to contribute his share of the cost of winning the war.

The laggards and the dodgers will face severe fines and jail sentences. The Internal Revenue Bureau announces that its officers will check us all up to see that every person who comes within the scope of the Income Tax law did his share.

Where to Pay and File.

Residents of Oregon are required to make their returns and pay their taxes to Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue, Portland, Ore., or to any of his deputy collectors who are now doing free advisory work on Income Tax.

Payments sent by mail should be attached to the returns and should be in the form of check, money order or draft. Cash payments by mail are sent at the taxpayer's risk of loss.

If you are unable to make your return personally because of illness, absence or incapacity, an agent or legal representative may make your return.

If there are any doubtful points as to your items of income or allowable deductions, you should get in touch at once with a Revenue officer or a banker for advice.

Women Pay Tax.

Women are subject to all the requirements of the Income Tax. Whether single or married, a woman's income from all sources must be considered.

If unmarried, or if living apart from her husband, she must make her return for 1918 if her net income was \$1,000 or over.

If married and living with her husband, her income must be considered with the husband's in determining the liability for a return. Their joint income, less the credits allowed by law, is subject to normal tax. The wife's net income is considered separately in computing any surtax that may be due. Husband and wife file jointly, as a rule. If the husband does not include his wife's income in his return, the wife must file a separate return.

Severe Penalties.

The new Revenue Law places severe penalties on a person who fails to make return on time, refuses to make return or renders a fraudulent return. For failure to make return and pay tax on time a fine of not more than \$1,000 is named, and 25 per cent of the tax due is added to the assessment. For refusing wilfully to make return, or for making a false or fraudulent return there is a fine of not exceeding \$10,000 and imprisonment of not exceeding one year, or both.

Farmers' Income Taxable.

Every farmer and ranchman who had a fair or a good year in 1918 must heed the Income Tax this year. He must consider all his income as taxable. He is entitled to deduct from his gross income all amounts expended in carrying on his farm. The cost of farm machinery, farm buildings and improvements cannot be deducted. The cost of live stock, either for resale or for breeding purposes, is also regarded as investment.

Overtime and Bonuses Taxed.

Salary and wage earners must consider as taxable every item received from employers and from other sources. Bonuses and overtime pay are to be reported, as well as the regular payments.

Allowances for Losses.

Losses sustained in 1918 and not covered by insurance are deductible items if incurred in the taxpayer's business or trade, in any transaction undertaken for profit, or arising from fire, storm, shipwreck or other casualty, or from theft.

Don't think you have sacrificed because you may be paying for your interest-bearing Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds. These fellows back from France legless, armless or sightless don't think they have sacrificed. They simply think they did their duty.

The Victory Loan coming in April is the last Liberty Loan. Then the war is over for you. It will be still going on for 1,000,000 Americans in France.