

BEGIN WORK OF COLLECTION OF 6 BILLION TAXES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Work on the collection of \$6,000,000,000 has been begun by the bureau of internal revenue. This is the estimated yield of the new revenue bill. The income tax provisions of the act reach the pocketbook of every single person in the United States whose net income for 1918 was \$1000, or more, and of every married person whose net income was \$2000 or more. Persons whose net income equalled or exceeded these amounts, according to their marital status, must file a return of income with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which they live on or before March 15.

Here is what will happen to them if they don't: for failure to file a return on time, a fine of not more than \$1000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due.

For "willfully refusing" to make a return on time, a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both.

For making a false or fraudulent return, a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

In addition to the \$1000 and \$2000 personal exemptions, taxpayers are allowed an exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon them for chief support if such person is under eighteen years of age and incapable of self-support. Under the 1917 act, this exemption was allowed only for each dependent "child." The head of a family—one who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or by adoption—is entitled to all exemptions allowed a married person.

The normal rate of tax under the new act is 6 per cent of the first \$4000 of net income above the exemptions, and 12 per cent of the net income in excess of \$4000. Incomes in excess of \$5000 are subject also to a surtax ranging from 1 per cent of the amount of the net income between \$5000 and \$6000 to 65 per cent of the net income above \$1,000,000.

Payment of the tax may be made in full at the time of filing return or in four installments, on or before March 15, on or before June 15, on or before September 15, and on or before December 15.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices may be ascertained by inquiring at offices of collectors of internal revenue, postoffices and banks. Failure to see these officers, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file his return and pay his tax within the time specified by law. In this case taxpayers must seek the government, not the government the taxpayer.

ATHLETES EXPECT TO SMASH RECORDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—With an entry list of more than five hundred competitors, Millrose A. C. indoor track meet will bring most of the athletic stars from all over the country to the Madison Square garden tonight. The program consists of 27 contests including the Millrose six hundred yard run in which Ted Meredith will meet Tom Campbell, University of Chicago, Marvin Gustafson, University of Pennsylvania, Dave Caldwell, Boston, Homer Baker and other noted runners. Jole Ray of Chicago, will endeavor to obtain permanent possession of the silver trophy in the one and one-half mile race in which he will have as opponents Nightingale of New Hampshire; Clyde J. Stout, University of Chicago; Cecil Leath, Boston, and Max Bohland, national senior and junior cross country champion.

Lieutenant Bob Simpson, University of Missouri, world's record holder, has come all the way from Presidio, Cal., for the high hurdles event in which Thomson of Dartmouth, Erdman and Trowbridge of Princeton and John J. Eller are to compete.

Spanish Cabinet Resigns.
MADRID, Feb. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The cabinet of Count Llanos has resigned. The king has requested the cabinet to remain in office until the budget is passed by parliament.

A Woman's Recommendation
Mrs. D. T. Tryor, Franklin Av., Otago, O., writes: "Nine years ago I was very much afflicted with kidney trouble. I bought different kinds of medicine, but all to no effect, until one day I bought a box of Foley Kidney Pills. I realized no great benefit from the use of that box that I concluded myself cured of kidney trouble. I feel safe in recommending Foley Kidney Pills to any kidney sufferers." They relieve backache, sore muscles, stiff joints, rheumatic pains and bladder ailments. For sale by Medford Pharmacy.

OH, LOOK! EARLIEST PICTURE OF LATEST PARISIAN PAJAMAS!



The lingerie and negligee designers, artists ever, have quite outdone themselves in the creation of these sleeping garments. The confection at the left is of softest white figured satin. It is as innocent of sleeves as a chemise, and one only recognizes the

pajama family by the cute puffed trousers gathered at the ankle. An overskirt of white georgette crepe is shirred on at the waistline, and its four-pointed hem is finished with white silk fringe. Pink chiffon roses at girdle and bosom were the final inspirations.

At the right is a real bit of art in a Japanese design in double georgette crepe. The foundation is flesh pink crepe, and the outer layer is pastel blue. The coat is girdled with a heavy blue velvet covered cord and embroidered in many hued butterflies.

CHINA GRATEFUL FOR AID EXTENDED PEACE DELEGATES

PEKIN, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—China is very grateful to President Wilson and the United States delegates to the peace conference for the help they have extended to her delegates in Paris, said Premier Chin Nan-Sun today. "The whole Chinese nation wishes to thank the United States through the Associated Press."

The premier said he was much gratified over the election of Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to the United States, to a place on the commission for a league of nations and added that China was ready to take whatever part might be assigned to her.

"China intends to publish all secret agreements made during the war, even commercial engagements and the Sino-Japanese convention," he said.

"Of course," he continued, "China expects the powers to disclose any secret agreements they may have among themselves concerning China."

No trouble over this step is expected, since Japan no longer strongly objects and there are no disagreements between China and Japan, so far as the government of China is aware, the premier asserted. Referring to Japan's expressed displeasure over the attitude of the Chinese delegation in Paris, he declared that "China, knowing that America and Great Britain supported her, took the golden opportunity of standing on her own feet and resisting pressure applied from the outside."

Chin Nan-Sun said he was hopeful a solution to the problems arising from China's internal differences would be reached at the coming conference at Shanghai.

IRISH ENVOY AT PEACE CONFERENCE
DUBLIN, Feb. 25.—Sean O'Cealligh, who yesterday presented himself to the peace conference at Paris as an accredited envoy of the Irish government, was formerly in business here and was secretary of the Gaelic League. O'Cealligh is a member of the Dublin corporation and was recently elected to parliament on the Sinn Fein ticket.

METAL WORKERS SOON TO VOTE ON COAST STRIKE

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—All local metal trades unions on the Pacific coast will vote in the next three weeks on the question of a coastwide strike to begin April 1, as a result of the action of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council at its closing meetings here yesterday. Members of the metal trades unions here pointed out today that sentiment in several cities of the coast was known to be against a strike. During the meeting of the council, it was unofficially reported that Portland and San Francisco delegates did not believe the metal trades workers in their districts would vote to walk out.

The strike now in progress in Seattle and Tacoma was endorsed by the council, according to an official statement issued late last night, the first official news from the council in five days. It was known that the Washington strike had been the cause of protracted discussions in the convention as the strikers urged that a vote be recommended on a coastwide strike to become effective not later than March 17. Otherwise they felt, a coastwide strike would do them no good. Delegates from other districts, however, were understood to have refused to consider recommending a strike before that date, and it was believed today that the prospects of a strike being voted by a majority of the metal trades unions on the coast was remote.

SHIPPING BOARD OWN HALF OF SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Discussing the American merchant marine problem in the senate today, Senator Bland of Louisiana predicted that within a few months the shipping board would own one-half the ocean going merchant vessels in the United States of over 500 gross tons and that by 1920 ship construction in this country would have increased the total tonnage under the American flag to approximately 19,000,000 tons.

Of the predicted 19,000,000 tons the Louisiana senator estimated 14,525,500 tons would be owned by the shipping board. As the authority of the board to operate expires by limitation six months after the formal proclamation of peace, he said, it was essential that legislation be provided whereby the operation may be continued.

SWISS LEGATION TO LEAVE PETROGRAD THURSDAY

BERNE, Feb. 25.—The Swiss legation at Petrograd has been given free passage through Russia by the soviet government and will leave for Berne on Thursday, traveling on two special trains.

EXPERTS HERE TO ASSIST CITIZENS IN TAX STATEMENTS

When the three income tax officers stationed in Medford this week by the Oregon office of the internal revenue department to assist citizens in preparing their income tax returns opened their headquarters in the City call at 10 a. m. Monday and there was no noticeable rush of anxious Medfordites to avail themselves of their services. This is no doubt due to the limited notice given of the experts' coming and they will undoubtedly be busy during the rest of their stay here.

They will be at the office daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. up to and including Feb. 28th. The time limit of filing the income tax returns expires March 15th, and every married man with an income of \$2,000 or more, and every single man, whose income is \$1,000 or more, must file an income tax return. Failure to do so will bring a heavy penalty.

The three income tax men stationed here this week are G. V. Wimberly of Roseburg, the regular income tax collector of this district, W. F. Hammer of Hood River, who pays special attention to individual income tax returns, and C. A. Ruff of Portland, who is an expert on corporation incomes and excess profits tax. The three work together.

STARVING HORSES STRIPPED OF FLESH BY HUNGRY SLAVS

WARSAW, Feb. 25.—(By Associated Press.) Forty pounds of wheat flour is being sold at Moscow for eight hundred rubles and sugar is fifty rubles a pound, with both commodities virtually unobtainable. Starving horses which fall in the streets are stripped of their flesh before they are cold. Money is of little value and jewels and works of art bring little when traded. Thefts in these lines are therefore infrequent. In order to get food a trader must offer clothes. Women refugees from Moscow were recently held up at Smolensk, it is said, and their clothing was stolen, but the soldiers declined to take a beautiful pearl necklace, so that its owner was able to sell the necklace here.

Fuel is so scarce that wooden houses in the suburbs have been torn down for fuel. Fine furniture has also been used for the same purpose. Stores have been closed by merchants but the soviet government has taken over some of the larger places of business, where only Bolsheviks are served. Flower shops and hair dressers do a fine business, about thirty of these places being open. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik minister of war and marine, who is fastidious and has a special lady manicurist, patronizes them.

Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier, who is considered quite mad by some of his colleagues, is the only permanent Bolshevik left who appears to live an austere life.

Russia is beset by all kinds of diseases, typhus being particularly prevalent. Vodka substitutes are being used and have a weakening effect on the people.

Kerosene and benzine are reported to be common drinks. The large number of deaths in Moscow has led to a decree making the undertaking business a state monopoly.

HALF MILLION YANKS HOME BEFORE JULY 1

PARIS, Monday, Feb. 24.—Nearly five hundred thousand men of the American expeditionary forces will before July 1 either have returned to the United States or will be homebound, according to plans of the general staff announced today.

The 27th, 85th, 37th and 91st divisions will sail in March; the 26th, 77th, 82nd, 35th and 42nd in April; the 32nd, 28th, 33rd, 80th and 88th in May and the 89th, 90th, 29th and 79th in June.

2,304 SOLDIERS REACH NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The steamer, George Washington, which landed President Wilson and his party in Boston yesterday, arrived here today with 2304 troops. The units aboard included the 146th machine gun battalion complete, including seven officers and 68 enlisted men from the Idaho national guard, fifth engineers and engineer train complete, returning to the United States for duty, the presidential and peace commission guard and casuals.

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