

# TIME TO BEGIN PREPARING YOUR TAX STATEMENT

By March 15 Every Unmarried Man or Woman and Every Married Person whose Income Amounted to \$2,000 or More Must Make Detailed Statement to Revenue Collector.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Within the next three weeks, or by March 15, every unmarried man or woman who earned \$1,000 or more in the calendar year 1918 and every married person whose income amounted to \$2,000 or more must make a detailed report of his income to the federal revenue collector of his district. On or before March 15 the first installment of the income tax must be paid, one-fourth of the entire amount due or all of it if the tax payer chooses.

### Get Your Form

First get a tax return form from the revenue collector's office or from a bank. There are many kinds of these forms. If a person's income was below \$5,000, he should ask for the form especially intended for the smaller incomes. It might be advisable to get two or three of these forms, since one may be spoiled in the preparation. The form is a six-page printed sheet, with detailed instructions for reporting various items of income and for calculating the tax due. By following this form closely even an inexperienced person probably will have little difficulty, particularly if his source of income was not complicated or if it was in wages or salary rather than in business transactions.

The tax rate for most individuals is 6 per cent. For a single person this is imposed on the difference between the total net income for the year and the \$1,000, the so-called exempted amount. For a married man, or for the heads of a family, the exemption is \$2,000 and the 6 per cent tax is imposed on the difference between that and the total income. There is a provision for an additional exemption of \$2000 for each child or other dependent person, under 18 years of age or incapable of self support. Thus a married man with one child or an aged parent would have an exemption of \$2,200 and would pay tax on the difference between this and his net income. A man with two children would have an exemption of \$2,400; three children, \$2,600, and so on.

### Calculating Your Tax

To illustrate the calculation of tax: A single man with a net income last year of \$2,000 will be taxed, \$60; income of \$3,000, tax \$120; income of \$4,000, tax \$180; income \$5,000, tax \$240.

A married man without children and with an income of \$2,500 last year will pay a tax of \$30; income \$3,000, tax \$60; income of \$4,000, tax \$120; income of \$5,000, tax \$180.

The regular or normal tax is 12 per cent on incomes of more than \$5,000 in case of unmarried persons and more than \$6,000 in the case of married persons without children. In other words, the tax is doubled on incomes of \$4,000 more than the specific exemption. In addition, so-called surtaxes superimposed on the regular or normal tax are assessed on net incomes of more than \$5,000, the additional rate being 1 per cent for the first \$1,000 above that sum, 2 per cent for the next \$2,000, 3 per cent for the next \$2,000 and one per cent in excess for each additional \$2,000. Both the 12 per cent rate and the surtaxes may be ignored by persons with incomes of less than \$5,000.

### Pay One-Fourth Down

After the tax is figured, a person must count at least on paying one-fourth of the sum by March 15. The second installment of one-fourth is due June 15; the third quarter, September 15, and the last installment, December 15. Penalties are provided for failure to file on time or to pay the tax promptly, and tax officials welcome returns and payments before March 15. Payment in full by March 15 will also be welcomed on the ground that the government needs the money.

A husband and wife whose combined net income for 1918 amounted to \$2,000 or more must file a return either separately or jointly. If separate returns are filed, either may claim the personal exemption of \$1,000 or this exemption may be divided. Earnings of dependent children must be included as part of the income of the head of a family. If an unmarried person supports either partially or wholly, a parent or some other relative or friend, not living in the same household, this person is not considered the head of a family and is therefore entitled only to the \$1,000 exemption. If the parent is wholly dependent, however, and lives in the taxpayer's household, this makes the unmarried person the "head of the family."

If, because of the special exemptions for children and dependents or because of the exemption of soldier's and sailor's pay, an unmarried per-

# HIGHER TAXES GO INTO EFFECT; NOW PAYABLE

Liquor and Soft Drinks to Cost More Along With Articles in the Luxury Class, Including Autos, Pianos, Sporting Goods, Chewing Gum, Candy, Soaps and Art Goods.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Signing of the revenue bill by President Wilson enroute to Washington last night puts into operation machinery for collecting six billions of taxes this year.

Higher taxes go into effect today on liquor and soft drinks, including near beer, grape juice, soda water and mineral waters and on tobacco and so-called luxuries. Anticipating imposition of new taxes, thousands of gallons of whiskey had been withdrawn from government bonded warehouses within the last week, with tax paid at the old rate of \$3.20 a gallon, to escape the higher rate of \$6.49 a gallon now effective.

Articles in the "luxury" class on which new taxes go into effect today include automobiles and motor accessories, pianos, sporting goods, chewing gum, cameras, candy, firearms, slot machines, toilet soaps and art goods. The tax is paid by the manufacturer.

Other features of the tax bill which go into legal effect today but which are retroactive, and which consequently are not practically affected by the time of the signing of the bill, include the following:

Taxes on incomes, excess profits and war profits, estates and inheritances and excise taxes on special businesses, such as brokers, bowling alleys, insurance companies, theater and amusement place proprietors and liquor dealers. Measures to prevent the narcotic drug traffic become effective today.

On April 1, new taxes on railroad steamship tickets, pipe lines, insurance, theater admissions and club dues and a variety of stamp taxes become effective. Levies against the excess of value of so-called semi-luxuries, such as articles of dress, will be made after May 1. The soda fountain tax becomes effective May 1. Taxes on products of child labor will be imposed in sixty days.

# PRESIDENT OFF FOR WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson arrived in Washington at 5 o'clock this morning from Boston. He and Mrs. Wilson remained on their special train until 8:30 o'clock before going to the White House.

Passing thru the station, Mr. Wilson found a cheering early morning crowd awaiting him. He acknowledged the applause by lifting his hat and smiling. Many scores of soldiers in the crowd stood rigidly at attention.

Announcement was made on the arrival of the presidential party in Washington that the president had signed the six billion dollar war revenue bill. The bill was signed aboard the special train last night before the president retired. This measure carries a rider making the District of Columbia bone dry.

At the request of the president, there was no formal reception at the station. On reaching his desk the president briskly set to work on matters requiring his attention.

The president was faced with a busy week before his departure about March 5 for the return trip to Paris. This afternoon he was to preside at a cabinet meeting while tomorrow night he has a dinner engagement with members of the senate and house foreign affairs committee to discuss the proposed constitution of the league of nations.

President Wilson had been absent from Washington nearly three months.

son's income of more than \$1,000 or a married person's income of more than \$2,000 is found not to be taxable, this condition does not free the individual from filing a return. Thus many persons who do not have to pay a tax must file returns.

A head of a family is described officially as "a person who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or by adoption."

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# RED, BLACK, GOLD NEW NATIONAL GERMAN COLORS

WEIMAR, Feb. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Conservatives and independent socialists were able to unite for the first time this afternoon. When the national defense section of the new constitution came up for first reading, Hugo Hanse, independent socialist, protested that his party had not been given legal advance notice that the measure was to be first considered. Konstantine Fehrenbach, the president, at first ruled that the first reading might go on but without debate. Then noticing only 11 independent socialists present, he attempted parliamentary strategy and asked if 15 members, the requisite number to prevent consideration, would vote against the measure. Enough conservatives came forward to aid the independent socialists in deferring action.

Hugo Preuss, who framed the tentative draft of the new constitution, told of the differences of opinion which had to be overcome before the document could be brought to the form in which it was presented. He said that the work had been done in 48 hours but denied that it was a "patch work."

"The new colors of black, red and gold, typify new Germany, which will include in time German Austria and finally Russian Germany," he said. "Germany will be a sponsor for the league of nations if received on equal terms. She will not be a minority member."

Dr. Otto Bauer, foreign minister of German Austria, will arrive tomorrow to conduct negotiations for a union of Germany and German-Austria.

# TIMBER OWNERS MAY PURCHASE P. & E.

Monday's Portland Oregonian says: "Lumber interests with holdings along the line of the Pacific & Eastern railway and beyond the terminus of the road at Butte Falls, are said to be undertaking the formation of a syndicate to buy the road. Operation of the railroad has been discontinued under orders of the federal court, preparatory to its sale by the receiver. Unless sold for the purpose of its continued operation it will be scrapped, owing to inability of the company to develop sufficient traffic to pay cost of operation."

Nothing is known locally concerning the above except that the Dewing and other timber interests secured a 30 day extension of the time limit set for the sale of the road, with a view of arranging a purchasing syndicate, if possible. Meanwhile local lumber interests are "marking time" until they are notified of the result of the pending negotiations.

# ROBERTS MOUNTAIN GRADE ELIMINATED BY NEW HIGHWAY

ROSEBURG, Feb. 25.—According to the superintendent of the road construction of the new cutoff on the Pacific highway south of this city, about nine miles of the new road will be ready for travel this season. This new road has its beginning near Winston, and goes south along the banks of the South Umpqua river to near Dillard where the road crosses the river and then re-crosses about three miles further on, and continues to Myrtle Creek, completely eliminating Roberts mountain.

This is one of the finest pieces of road improvement in the county, as Roberts mountain has been a great menace to tourist travel, and the many accidents, some fatal, that have occurred on this hill make this a dreaded section of the highway. It will entirely eliminate all the grade, and the road will be in readiness for travel as soon as the season opens. Other improvements are being made in Cow Creek canyon, Canyon Creek canyon, and near the town of Glendale. A new bridge will be built over Cow Creek about three miles from Glendale and the new cutoff will take what is known as the old Stage Coach road, which will eliminate another bad hill. This, with other improvements now under way, will make Douglas county roads as good as any in the state, where it has been in the past a country-wide saying that "Douglas county has the worst roads in the state" and probably in the west.

Pass Creek canyon and Roberts mountain are the two great menaces to travel. With both these eliminated and many other grades reduced, as well as about 15 railroad crossings eliminated, this county will be fairly safe to travel thru. This however, is some task as the county is 126 miles in length, and road construction, of the right kind, is hard to get.

# SEATTLE STRIKERS CONSIDER FUTURE

SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—Seattle's striking metal trades workers will have a definite course of action mapped out for them at a meeting tonight of the metal trades council, according to an announcement today by members of the strikers conference committee representing the 25,000 men out. The council will hear a report of the Portland convention of Pacific Coast metal trades council. Sentiment expressed by leaders of the strikers here is in favor of continuing the strike begun January 21 without reference to the request of the Portland convention that the men return to work before participating in a coast-wide strike referendum vote, according to Chair-

# FRENCH MILITARY BAND INCLUDES FAMOUS SOLOISTS

The development of the past four years have wrought a revolution in art as in all things else. Musicians have been compelled to fight, to realize that the dilettante had no place in the order of things. There has been no time for artistry; poet and mechanic alike have felt the pull of duty and marched away. Consequently there has during the past few years been a dearth of good band music. War claimed these organizations and still holds away many who would be essential in America musical organizations. Therefore we hail the coming of Captain Fernand Pollain and his French Army Band of Veterans as both a musical treat and as a patriotic event.

As those men were sent over here by the French government unusual interest attaches to their coming to Medford Tuesday, March 4th.

Captain Pollain up to a short time ago has been giving some of these same soldier musicians military orders in the field. He came to America on a special mission at the call of his government. The men with him have all been wounded in action and carry service stripes as well as music diplomas. Each man, past master of his particular instrument, the French Army Band of Veterans excels over all other military bands, and in addition every member is not only a fine musician, but a hero, officially recognized.

Their music is no mere crashing of trumpet and eymbal. Like the perfect blending tones of a great organ, the effect of their ensemble of unusual instrumentation is rich and beautiful in tone, and replete with delicate feeling. In their rendition of martial music, there is a power that is expressed as patriotism in playing.

This organization carries with it several celebrated solo artists that have toured Europe and this country. Georges True, piano virtuoso, was joint artist with Muratore in one of his tours. Alexander Debrillie is a famous French violinist.

Sale of seats now on at the Medford Pharmacy.

# TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Returned to duty, previously reported missing in action—Private Ernest W. Fisher, Eugene, Oregon.

Wounded, degree undetermined—Private William T. Davis, Eugene, Ore.; Private Leonard Westfall, Sherwood, Ore.; Private Gustave L. Bailien, Portland, Ore.

Wounded slightly—Capt. Halvor H. Rasch, Portland, Ore.; Private William R. Telfer, Scotts Mills, Ore.; Private Carl Matson, Portland, Ore.; Private Zenith H. Paul, Portland, Ore.

man A. E. Miller, of the strikers' committee.

# OAKLAND STRIKERS TO RETURN TO WORK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Announcement that they will head an order of W. V. Angell, international organizer now in Washington, to return to work at once was made by the Oakland boiler makers union today. Their strike began more than two weeks ago.

Angell ordered the men back to work until their grievances could be heard by the federal shipbuilding labor adjustment board. The order followed a conference in Washington between Angell, Louis Weyand, international president of the boiler-makers and members of the board.

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