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**LIGHT WINE TAX  
OUT OF QUESTION  
STATES MONDELL**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Legislation to finance a soldier bonus out of taxes on the legalized sale and manufacture of beer and light wines was declared today by Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican leader of the house, to be out of the question, "early or late," by this congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Letters, both favorable and unfavorable, discussing a possible relaxation of the prohibition laws, to enable a tax on light wines and beer to be levied as a new source of revenue, were said by officials today to be pouring into the treasury.

Some of these letters, officials said, come from high churchmen in various parts of the country, some condemning the proposal and others taking the view that while the law should be strictly enforced as written, if such a change was made, it might be for the better.

While Secretary Mellon is understood not to disfavor such a method of providing new revenue, it was said, Mr. Mellon had made it plain that such a suggestion was not a treasury proposal.

Estimates of the probable revenue return from such a source, it was said, has disclosed that a total of approximately \$500,000,000 could be obtained by the government yearly from a tax upon the legalized sale of wine and beer.

**WON'T LET HENRY  
REDUCE RATES**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford's attempt to reduce freight rates on coal 20 per cent along the line of his railroad, the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton, was disallowed today by the inter-state commerce commission.

The commission based its action on the ground that the reduction would constitute a discrimination against other mining territory the coal product of which is sold in Toledo, Detroit and other cities along the Ford railroad.

The proposed cut rate disallowed under today's ruling is the first suggested to which the commission has not agreed.

**Liberty Bonds**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's 95.40; first 4's 96.00; second 4's 95.46; first 4 1/2's 95.90; second 4 1/2's 95.26; third 4 1/2's 96.60; fourth 4 1/2's 95.88; Victory 3 1/2's 100.04; Victory 4 1/2's 100.02.

**Retail Prices Too  
High, Says Daugherty  
U. S. Probe Ordered**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Investigation of retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing in all parts of the country was ordered today by Attorney General Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty said that in many localities prices were "unconscionable," and that every effort would be made to put retail prices on the proper level.

Mr. Daugherty instructed Director Burris of the bureau of investigation to assign men as soon as possible to various parts of the country simultaneously to collect information upon current retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing and at the same time to report the wholesale prices of corn, wheat, beef, meats of all kinds on the hoof in order that comparisons might be made of the retail and wholesale prices of food.

In many parts of the country, Mr. Daugherty declared, retailers have organizations which tend to keep prices high.

"There is not a doubt in the world," he said, "that all over the country retail dealers have an understanding." The attorney general said that while many individual retailers were not charging excessive prices, he intended to go after organizations operating contrary to the law and particularly professional organizers which evolved new schemes for evading the law behind a declaration of an association to help competition.

Publication of comparative prices in different localities, he asserted, would do much to right the situation and he said it was planned to present the data gathered to the various states for local action with the co-operation of the federal government where necessary.

**N. Y. Stocks**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Equipments extended their gains at midday under lead of American Locomotive and General Electric, but the remainder of the list was unresponsive to the drop in money rates to 5 1/2 per cent. The feature of the irregular bond list was the heaviness of French municipals, Bordeaux, Lyons and Marseilles falling 3 1/2 points each.

Allie-Chalmers	37.5
American Beet Sugar	28
American Can	32.5
American Car & Foundry	143
American Hide & Leather pfd.	58.5
Amer. International Corp.	39.6
American Locomotive	102.2
Amer. Smelting & Refg.	42.5
American Sugar	51.2
Amer. Sumatra Tobacco	39.5
American T. & T.	113.3
American Woolen	78.3
Anaconda Copper	47.5
Atchafalpa	92
Atl. Gulf & W. Indies	20.7
Baldwin Locomotive	95.2
Baltimore & Ohio	35
Bethlehem Steel "B"	56
Canadian Pacific	119
Central Leather	39.3
Chandler Motors	45
Chesapeake & Ohio	55.2
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	47.5
C. R. I. & P.	31.7
Chino Copper	26.6
Colorado Fuel & Iron	24.3
Corn Products	97
Cruible Steel	64.5
Cuba Cane Sugar	6.6
Erie	19
General Electric	139.2
General Motors	49.8
Goodrich Co.	35.2
Great Northern pfd.	75
Great Northern Ore Cts.	31.8
Illinois Central	97.8
Inspiration Copper	38.5
Int. Mer. Marine pfd.	61.6
International Paper	51.7
Kennecott Copper	24.7
Louisville & Nashville	108.5
Mexican Petroleum	111.3
Miami Copper	25.7
Middle States Oil	13.2
Midvale Steel	26.2
Missouri Pacific	17.8
New York Central	73
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	12.5
Norfolk & Western	97
Northern Pacific	78
Oklahoma Prod. & Ref.	3
Pan American Petroleum	59
Pennsylvania	33
People's Gas	61
Pittsburg and W. Va.	24.5
Ray Consolidated Copper	14.5
Reading	72
Rep. Iron & Steel	59
Royal Dutch, N. Y.	49.7
Shell Trans. & Trad.	38.7
Sinclair Con. Oil	21.5
Southern Pacific	78.8
Southern Railway	18.5
Standard Oil of N. J., pfd.	113.5
Studebaker Corporation	78
Tennessee Copper	9.8
Texas Co.	45
Texas and Pacific	26
Tobacco Products	62.2
Transcontinental Oil	19.8
Union Pacific	123
U. S. Food Products	9.8
U. S. Retail Stores	52.2
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	38.5
United States Rubber	53.3
United States Steel	83
Utah Copper	61
Westinghouse Electric	49.5
Willy's Overland	5.6
American Zinc, Lead and Sm.	12.5
Butte and Superior	18.6
Calx. Petroleum	47
Montana Power	58.5
Shattuck Arizona	8.5
Pure Oil	36.8
Invisible Oil	12.6
General Asphalt	64.9



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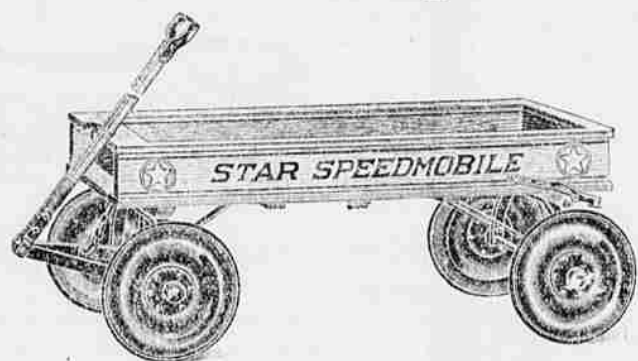
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