

## ABOVE PROPORTION OF INDIRECT TAXES MAY CUT COSTS

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### FAVORS DIRECT METHOD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Approximately \$2,000,000,000 can be looted from the cost of living bill of the American people in 1921 if Congress works along right lines of relieving the tax laws, in the opinion of many government officials. Abolition of the many indirect taxes on business is the method which will affect the reduction, it is explained.

"Indirect taxes are paid several times by the consumer," said Commissioner E. H. Stewart, of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Department, today.

PRICES MULTIPLIED  
TWO TO FIVEFOLD.

Approximately \$2,000,000,000 was collected by the Federal Government in taxes for the fiscal year ended June 30. Most of this came from indirect taxes, such as the excess profit tax, tariff and high surtax rates on income from business operations. For every dollar that went into the Government's pocketbook several others went into the pocketbook of the business man who collected the tax on the article he manufactured or distributed, Government economists say.

According to their rule indirect taxes multiply the prices of most commodities from two to fivefold.

The Federal income tax laws must collect at least \$4,000,000,000 in taxes, according to Secretary Houston.

This means the American people must pay from \$3,000,000,000 to \$15,000,000,000 in increased prices if indirect taxes are maintained, it is estimated. One form of direct tax favored by some officials as a means of reducing prices is the general tax on all sales proposed by some leaders.

CHEAPER FOR CONSUMER.

"This would be much cheaper for the consumer than the present system," said Joseph S. McCoy, Government actuary department. "A tax paid by the consumer at the time of purchase is not multiplied."

McCoy today pointed out that a 20 per cent tax on undistributed profits of corporations as proposed by Secretary Houston probably would be paid by the stockholders rather than the corporation.

"No corporation would allow its profits to remain undistributed," said McCoy.

"It would be cheaper to borrow money at 7 and 8 per cent. The corporation security holders would have to pay the tax."

## LYNCHINGS HELD CLOSED INCIDENT

Souvenir Hunters Finish Rope  
and Begin on Tree.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 11.—With official investigation promised and the machinery already being set up, Santa Rosa today was still talking of the lynchings of yesterday.

The general attitude was that it should be considered a closed incident.

Distict Attorney Hoyle promised an investigation but pointed to the verdict in the "crazy" trial naming "unknown persons" as responsible and clearing Santa Rosa of the lynchings.

Crowds of curious continued today to visit the big oak tree beside the soldiers' plot in the cemetery and to search for souvenirs. Pieces of the rope were at a premium and some souvenir hunters cut away bits of the tree.

## QUICK ACTION FOR SEPARATE PEACE IS PLAN

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Have the American open door policy in the Orient is being threatened.

Despite American insistence, Japan clings to the cables entering in the island of Yap and to the island itself.

Another meeting of the delegates of the five powers who have been discussing disposition of the former German cables was scheduled today, but unless an announcement made today by the Rev. Jesse Bogue, secretary of the Indianapolis area committee on conservation and advance, the meeting will be postponed.

It was reached today, it was said to be probable that the delegates to the present conference, which was preliminary to a world communications conference would go home without settling status of the ex-German cables. In that event those cables would remain in the hands of Japan, France and Great Britain until the question was reopened.

## EUROPEAN DEBT TO COME UP SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The question of how Europe's indebtedness of nearly \$10,000,000,000 to the United States can be utilized to relieve the strain of the treasury will be considered soon by the Senate Finance Committee, Senator McCumber, acting chairman of the committee, said today.

Senator Smoot, Republican member of the Finance Committee, also said the question would be taken up soon.

One plan of relieving the debt is to arrange for conversion of certificates of indebtedness of the foreign nations held by the treasury into bonds of those governments.

"These debts are secured by demand certificates of indebtedness subject to payment on demand," said Senator McCumber. "But the foreign nations have no money and it is no use to demand the payment. In negotiation with the foreign nations, I believe it could be arranged to change this paper into government bonds."

## Rat Killers, Anxious for Bounty, Turn in Tails Ahead of Time

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clately after killing, so as to avoid an epidemic of disease.

Mrs. W. H. Hart, chairman for recent week, will be stationed in the city hall and on each day will be assisted by a woman from a different community of the city. The assistants for Monday will be Mrs. Vivian McNett; Tuesday, Mrs. Elizabeth Kuhns; Wednesday, Mrs. K. E. Koehne; Thursday, Mrs. Martin McElfee; Friday, Mrs. George Hootch; and Saturday, Mrs. James A. Calderhead.

PLAN FOR WORK OF EXTERMINATION.

Mrs. W. H. Stale, who is chairman of the speakers' bureau, which has sent speakers on rat extermination work to visit the various women's clubs, reported the following clubs as pledged to support the movement: Methodist Hospital Nurses' Association, Local Council of Women, Day Nursery Association, Emergency Club, Inter-nos Club, New Era Club, South Side Woman's Club, Indianapolis Social Club, Research Club, Monday Club, Sorority Club, Seaside Club, Twentieth Century, Auxiliary to Public Health Nurses' Association, Heyl Society Club, Vincent Chateau Club, Woman's Rotary Club, Late Book Club, Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Women's Reading Circle, Indianapolis Woman's Club, Meridian Heights Inter-club, American War Mothers' Association and the New Century Club.

A committee, consisting of Frank Chandler, A. R. Kraft and Robert E. Tracy has, at the request of the Women's Department Club, been appointed to represent the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce in the subject of "Rat-killing week."

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## CLARA HAMON NEAR ARDMORE?

Sheriff at Dallas, Tex., Says  
Woman Is Not Far From  
Oklahoma Town.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 11.—Clara Smith Hamon wanted on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, is within forty miles of Ardmore, Okla., Sheriff Dan Harston claimed today.

Harston refused to explain the nature of his information. He notified Ardmore authorities, who he had learned, however, it became known.

Curious eyes of almost the entire nation have been concentrated on Ft. Worth, El Paso and Ardmore, awaiting news of the search that is being conducted for the reputed slayer. Newspapermen and lawyers have been baffled at the failure to locate the woman.

Victor Moore, an El Paso attorney, is said to have been entrusted with a task of getting Clara Hamon back from Mexico, but reputed definite information from him that she was on her way to Ft. Worth has been discounted.

A member of the firm of McLean, Scott & McLean declined to call Mr. Moore over a long-distance telephone. It would be too dangerous, he stated.

Not a word has been heard from her, but he has been received by officials in Tarrant County, Texas, and the apparent fear evinced by the law firm at Ft. Worth, that she might be in the hands of the Ardmore and stand trial, members of the firm declared.

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## INDUSTRIAL ARTS MEETING CLOSES

University of Missouri Instructor  
Gives Address.

Recommendations that either the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich., or the Bradley Institute at Peoria, Ill., be chosen as the place for the 1921 annual manual arts conference were passed by representatives from twelve Mississippi Valley States and the District of Columbia in the final session of the eleventh conference of the organization today at the Hotel Severin.

The recommendations will be sent to the commissioner of education, Washington, who will name the place at a later date.

Robert W. Selvidge of the University of Missouri delivered an address at this morning's session on "The Manual Arts Training in the United States Army," emphasizing the necessity for breaking up trade into unit operations and adopting divisional analysis sheets as a checking measure and using the unit as a basis for detailed study.

The discussion was led by Albert F. Siepert of the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, and Fred C. Whitcomb of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

A summary of the deliberations of the conference was made by Charles A. Bennett, editor of the Manual Training Magazine of Peoria, Ill., in which he said, "The high point of this conference is the use of analysis, an outgrowth of the discussions on analysis made at the last annual sessions in Cincinnati."

The lack of adequate manual training facilities and its suggested remedy was pointed out by Mr. Bennett as one of the principal features of the meetings. "We also emphasized the aims of the junior high school, which is to lead into three sections: skill, knowledge and appreciation of industry. The aims of the continuation schools are grouped under the same headings, using industry as a background rather than the home, he said.

William T. Barnden, assistant to the Commissioner of Education, of Washington, who presided at all the meetings, expressed the opinion that the Indianapolis conference is among the most successful ever held.

## SENDS OUT 275 NEW MISSIONARIES

The largest number of new missionaries ever sent to foreign fields in any one year in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was sent during the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1920, according to an announcement made today by the Rev. Jesse Bogue, secretary of the Indianapolis area committee on conservation and advance.

In the fiscal year previous year 1919, when thirty-six recruits were appointed and sent out.

During the fiscal year just concluded 275 new missionaries were appointed, eighty to South America, thirty to China, fifty to India and Burma, thirty to Africa, thirty to Malaysia, six to Mexico, five to Japan, two to Korea and two to Europe.

This does not include relief workers who have been sent to devastated European war areas. Six hundred thousand dollars has been expended in southern and eastern Europe, and 1,000,000 marks for similar purposes in central Europe.

The plan is to spend in five years \$115,000,000 in war reconstruction and in the general expansion of church activities. It is also planned to spend \$250,000 in scholarship for returned soldiers, \$200,000 to be invested in good industrial plants in different centers of the country. Besides this, there will be aid given for the support of 500 city pastors and of 507 other special workers in the United States.

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## Arsenal Tech Club Achieves Triumph in Comic Opera

Each Number Brings Forth  
Encores From Enthusiastic  
Audience at Temple.

Ralph Dunbar's opera company, which sang "Pinafore" here last fall had nothing on the Arsenal Technical Opera Club which, last night, achieved a triumph in the comic opera at the Masonic Temple.

Spontaneous roush, fresh, clear voices and a demonstrative audience full of school spirit made the presentation decidedly pleasing. Not all opera companies can boast an encore to each number.

Miss Culana Kinnaman, as Josephine, the captain's daughter; Iris Hopper as Little Buttercup, the Portsmouth Bun-bun-bun woman; and Cousin Hebe, Sir Joseph's first cousin, composed the lead trio.

Miss Josephine's presentation of the love-sick maiden torn between her true feelings and her family pride. The diet between her and her lover, "Refrain Any delicate Tar," was especially well sung.

Miss Hopper possesses a delightful soprano voice, which she used to advantage in the song bit of the opera, "I'm Called to the Colors." Her singing was well received by officials in Tarrant County, Texas, and the apparent fear evinced by the law firm at Ft. Worth, that she might be in the hands of the Ardmore and stand trial, members of the firm declared.

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a special tendency to encourage production, thereby ensuring labor of steady occupation."

The reports stipulate the credit should be confined to countries where there is a stable government and where "there is an assurance of integrity of purpose."

The committee, believing the project will mean so much to the country as a whole, urged the financial and practical cooperation of all members of agricultural, manufacturing, financial and labor interests.

NAMED.

John McHugh of New York City was named chairman of the committee to work out details of the corporation. Other members include: Herbert Hoover, Paul Warburg, New York; John S. Drum, San Francisco; James B. Forgan, Chicago; P. O. Atts, St. Louis; Lewis E. Pierson, N. Y. City; E. M. Hertz, Pitts.

Raymond, Boston; E. M. Hertz, Pitts. Ray; Roy D. Chapin, Detroit; John J. Baskirk, Wilmington; Peter W. Gobel, Kansas City; Thomas B. McDonald, Richmond; John Sherwin, Cleveland, and George P. Smith, New York.

The conference adjourned after naming the committee.

The committee met immediately after the adjournment to draw up the permanent organization.

Underwriting of the \$100,000 necessary to launch the corporation was subscribed at today's session of the conference.

Key of the Bankers' Trust Company of New York addressed the conference, declaring that the condition of the foreign exchange rate was at the bottom of the trouble.

Richard Hawes of St. Louis declared the proposed corporation should have the backing of organized labor throughout the country.

## WORLD'S TRADE HANGING ON U. S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—World foreign trade is deadlocked and it is up to the people of the United States to break it by giving their whole-hearted support to the proposed establishment of the corporation, "Foreign Trade Finance Corporation," Paul Warburg, New York banker and former member of the Federal reserve board, said today.

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