

ABOLITION OF INDIRECT TAXES MAY CUT COSTS

Government Officials Cite Way by Which Living Bill May Be Lessened.

FAVORS DIRECT METHOD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Approximately \$20,000,000 can be lopped from the cost of living bill of the American people in 1921 if Congress works along right lines of revising the tax laws, in the opinion of the commissioners of the state tax commission. The state indirect taxes on business is the method which will effect the reduction, it is explained.

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

PRICES MULTIPLIED TWO TO FIVEFOLD.

Approximately \$5,000,000 was collected by the Federal Government in taxes for the fiscal year ended June 30. Most of these taxes are levied on business 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 price of most commodities from two to fivefold.

The Federal Government this year must collect at least \$4,000,000 in taxes, according to Secretary Houston.

This means the American people must pay from \$8,000,000 to \$15,000,000 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 CONSUMERS.

"This would be much cheaper for the consumer than the present tax 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 corporate 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 no one to blame for the lynchings, the machinery already being oiled on a bit, Santa Rosa today was still talking of the lynchings of yesterday morning, but the general attitude was that it should be considered a closed incident.

District Attorney Hoyle promised an investigation, but pointed to the verdict of the coroner's jury naming "unknown persons" as responsible for clearing the men. He made a sharp statement that he did not recognize any of the lynchers and showing the obstacles in the way of any action he might take.

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 ropes 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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Leave the American open door policy in the Orient is being threatened.

Despite American insistence, Japan clings to the cables centering in the island of Yap and to the island itself. Another Japanese cable, which the Japanese have been discussing disposition of the former German cables was scheduled today, but unless an agreement is reached soon, it is 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. It is even 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 debts in the United States can be utilized to relieve the strain of the war 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. Neither he nor McCumber thinks anything can be done in this session of Congress. It is believed the plan may be decided at this session for extension when President-elect Harding takes office.

One plan of realizing on the allied 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, 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."

Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, suggested that the American people could take the foreign bonds, but Senator Smoot, while sympathizing with the foreign peoples are in "no shape" to underwrite such bonds, questioned the advisability of putting the burden on the people of the United States. While there is an evident desire on the part of Congress to reduce the allied indebtedness, it was made plain today by Senator Smoot that there is no possibility of Congress reducing the debt or any part of it without proper liquidation.

IMMIGRATION BILL EXPECTED TO PASS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Changed by vote of the House to provide suspension of immigration for a period of four months, the Johnson bill designed to hold back the flood of Europeans headed toward this country, was scheduled for passage by the House today.

Next Tuesday the House will take up for passage the resolution providing for the repeal of a number of war-time laws.

This resolution and the immigration bill were given preference in legislative session by the Redwood leaders.

With them out of the way, the House will turn to consideration of the appropriation bill.

The modification of the immigration suspension period was brought about as a compromise by Representative Mann of Illinois. It was carried by 87 to 25.

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

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

Mrs. W. H. Hart, chairman for rodent 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 McNeely; Tuesday, Mrs. E. Alberta Kuhns; Wednesday, Mrs. K. E. Martin; Thursday, Mrs. Martin Keene; Friday, Mrs. George Howlett, and Saturday, Mrs. James A. Calderhead.

PLAN FOR 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 pleased to accept the speakers: El Paso and Ardmore, awaiting new developments in 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 in touch with the task of getting Clara Hamon back from Mexico, but repeated definite information from him that she was on her way to El Paso 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.

No warrant for the woman's arrest has been received by officials in Tarrant County, Texas, and the police are awaiting a trial date.

A committee consisting of Frank Chandler, A. R. Kraft and Robert E. Tracy has, at the request of the Women's Department Club, appointed to represent the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce on the general committee that will have charge of details for "rat-killing week."

INDUSTRIAL ARTS MEETING CLOSES

University of Missouri Instructor Gives Address.

Recommendations that either the University of Missouri or the University of Arkansas be chosen as the place for the twelfth 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, held at the Hotel Searles. The recommendations will be sent to the commissioner of education, Washington, who will name the place at a later date.

Robert W. Selvige of the University of Missouri delivered an address at this morning's session on the subject of "Technical Training Work in the United States Army," pointing out 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. Siefert 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. Bonney, 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 aims among manual training instructors and its suggested remedy was pointed out by Fred C. Whitcomb, director of the manual features of the meeting. He also emphasized the aims of the junior high school, which he divided into three sections: skill, knowledge and appreciation of industry. The aims of the continuation schools are grounded under the same headings, using industry as a background rather than the home.

THE COMMITTEE NAMED.

John McHugh of New York City was named chairman of the committee to work out the details of the corporation. Other members include: Herbert Hoover, Paul Warburg, New York; John S. Drury, San Francisco; Charles B. Fagan, Chicago; F. O. Atts, St. Louis; Lewis E. Pierson, N. Y.; Charles H. Faber, New York; Arthur Reynolds, Chicago; R. Howard Clifton, Ia.; Thomas E. Wilson, Chicago; T. I. Kent, New York; J. G. Carlson, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Peter W. Goebel, Kansas City; Thomas B. McAdams, Richmond, Va.; Sherwin, Cleveland, and George Edward Smith, New York.

The conference adjourned after naming the committee.

SEEDS 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 ended Dec. 1, 1920, according to an annual report of the church.

Rev. Jesse Bogne, secretary of the Indiana area committee on conservation and advance. The largest previous year was 1917, when ninety-six recruits were appointed and sent out.

During the fiscal year just concluded 275 new missionaries were appointed, eighty to South America, sixty-nine to China, fifty to India and Burma, thirty to Africa, thirty to Malaya, six to Mexico, two to Japan, two to Corea and two to Europe.

This does not include relief workers who have been sent to devastated European war areas.

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It is also planned to spend \$220,000 in which ships for returned soldiers, \$200,000 to be invested in good will industries 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 cities. The Centenary, through the board of home missions and church extension, will also contribute to the support of 2,977 rural and frontier pastors besides helping 464 building swif.

OPERATOR OF BIG STILL SENTENCED

Pay Taylor Draws \$100 and Costs With 120 Days.

Ray Taylor was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to serve 120 days on the Indiana State farm by Judge Walter Pritchard in city court yesterday when he pleaded guilty to operating a still.

Taylor was arrested when the police and Federal officers captured his giant still, thirty-eight gallons of "white mule whisky and five barrels of mash in a raid on a barn near New Bethel.

Ida Greenburg, 940 South Avenue, was fined \$100 in costs and sentenced to serve forty days on the woman's prior to when she was convicted in city court of operating a blind tiger.

The police found a twenty-five gallon still in the basement of her home.

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 \$10,000,000 "American" firm, the corporation.

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GIVEN TILL TUESDAY TO Procure His Bond

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