

NEW TAX DRAFT CLINCHES LEVY ON GOLD KINGS

Senate Leaders Submit Revision Measure, Intended to Support Revenue Better.

SALES TO BE ONE SOURCE

WASHINGTON, April 2.—New revenue legislation, designed to keep the Government's tax income up to \$4,000,000,000, began to take definite shape today when Secretary of Treasury Mellon received from Senate leaders a taxation draft of a tax revision measure.

After a conference upon the proposed changes with Secretary Mellon and Government Actuary Joseph McCoy, the main features of a proposed program were outlined by Senator Smoot of the Senate Finance Committee, to include the following:

Imposition of a straight sales tax of one-half of 1 cent upon practically all sales, as by manufacturers, dealers, importers, and exporters of the excess profits tax and a scaling down of higher surtaxes to a 32 percent bracket.

Senator Smoot asserted that the proposal for the sales tax of one-half of 1 cent will raise for the treasury \$230,000,000, and possibly more.

The plan of Senate leaders, Senator Smoot said, is to retain the sales tax so that the wealth will not find it possible to escape liability to the Government by investing their funds in tax-exempt securities.

"By bringing the higher surtaxes down to 32 per cent, the rich will not have the temptation to place their wealth in bonds, the great majority of which Senator Smoot said, 'The Government must get its share of the taxes from this source. That is not now possible through the retention of high surtax rates that drive millionaires into tax-exempt investments of all kinds, mainly Government bonds.'

General agreement was said to have been reached upon the plan, but after the conference the plan was rejected, the plan to retain the sales tax was repealed.

"This huge mistake of attempting to raise Government funds by taxing ice cream that the children buy must be remedied," said Senator Smoot.

LUXURIES TAX PROVED FAILURE.

placed a tax upon such luxuries, which, in fact, are a real necessity for the great mass of the people, is ridiculous, and such a method of raising revenue is now shown to have been a failure.

The amount collected from these so-called miscellaneous luxury groups is negligible, and no machinery is capable of fully collecting such revenues."

Secretary Mellon went on to say that at the present time the Government's finances are in a condition where the sales tax is an adequate and certain means of providing for the decrease caused by other provisions to be repealed. Dodging the sales tax will be rendered virtually impossible under the plans discussed at the conference.

No change in the normal income tax returns on the small incomes is contemplated, it was declared. Nor is any revision to be made of the lower surtaxes upon incomes above \$5,000 a year, according to present plans.

OFFICER RETURNS WITH ST. LOUISAN

Map, Arrested Here, Accused of Missouri Murder.

Charges of vagrancy and being a fugitive from justice against Benito Stofeld, 27, of St. Louis, were dismissed today in city court on motion of the State by Judge Walter Pritchard. Stofeld was taken to St. Louis in custody of Detective Sergeant Edward Dowds of that city, where he is wanted on charges of murder.

Stofeld was arrested here Thursday by Detectives Stone and Everson after they received information from the detective bureau of St. Louis that Stofeld was desired in connection with the killing of Letch Hoffman, 31, on March 11.

Virginia Young, 25, sister of Mrs. Hoffman, came to Indianapolis and told a dramatic story of the murder of her elder sister. She stated that Mrs. Hoffman had been married and was divorced about three years ago. After the divorce, Mrs. Hoffman became acquainted with Stofeld, who fell deeply in love with her, she said. The love affair was broken off more than a year by Mrs. Hoffman, according to Miss Young.

About eight months ago Stofeld saw Mrs. Hoffman leave a meeting and follow her. When she refused to go with him the sister said, Stofeld knocked her down and beat her in a brutal manner. Mrs. Hoffman did not again see Stofeld until March 11, the day of the murder. Mrs. Hoffman and her sister had apartments in a flat over a restaurant. Miss Young said she looked out of the window and saw a man crossing the street. Miss Young feared that the man would do her sister bodily harm and warned her not to open the door when he rapped.

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Seek Fairland Man on Forgery Charge

Special to The Times.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., April 2.—An affidavit has been filed here by Andy Driscoll, Fairland, charging him with having forged a check for \$25 which was cashed at a local grocery. Driscoll is said to have left the city and officials of neighboring cities have been notified to watch for him. When Driscoll entered the store and presented the check, he purchased a sum total of goods at the same time, talking with the proprietor on religious matters and mentioning that it was in the same building that he had been converted during a church revival. Later the officers found the groceries in the rear of the store, where he had left them.

Driscoll had been employed at Pittsburg and arrived at his home here several weeks ago, explaining that he was spending his honeymoon here after being married at Louisville, Ky. However, his wife never appeared here.

Settle Case for \$500

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind., April 2.—Following an agreement of the parties in the complaint filed by John W. Durnall, administrator of the estate of Nancy Justis, against the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company, damages of \$10,000, the plaintiff was awarded judgment in Shelby Circuit Court for \$500. The complaint was sent here on a change of venue from the Marion Superior Court, and the case was settled with having resulted in the same amount.

Grocer Spurs Fleeing Burglar With Shotgun

Intruder, However, Makes Good His Escape With Varied Lot of Loot.

While burglars and hold-up men worked seemingly with a free hand last night one of the nocturnal robbers received the scars of his life when L. M. Burnett, proprietor of a grocery at 401 Minerva street, emptied a shotgun in his direction.

Fourteen hundred pounds of sugar, valued at \$140, was taken from the Reliable Wholesale Grocery Company, 324 South Pennsylvania street, during the night. The police were told the robbers gained access to the store by entering a window on the third floor from adjoining roofs.

W. J. Powers, 133 Kappes street, driver for the Bryan Baking Company, was delivering bread at Burnett's store at 2 a.m. when he saw a man crawling across the floor of the store. Powers drove away and when he returned two hours later informed police. Burnett, who sleeps above his store, heard Powers leave and then heard somebody in the store. Obtaining his shotgun he started to investigate.

As the burglar ran through the doorway, Burnett fired, but the shot hit the door and the burglar sprinted. The thief had disappeared before Sergeant Johnson and the emergency squad arrived.

The burglar entered by breaking the glass in the side door of the store, and the police believe he was making a return visit when discovered. The thief carried off a quantity of tobacco, cigar, two cartons of cigarettes, 10 lbs. of candy, two cartons of chewing gum.

Four masked men held up and robbed the Standard Oil Company filling station at Thirtieth and Meridian streets shortly after 10 p.m., George Dietz, 28, of 1003 West Eighteenth street, told the police he looked out of the window of the filling station and saw the robbers. A few moments later three of them faced masked with handkerchiefs, entered the office. Each carried a revolver and Dietz was forced to open the safe. He told the police the leader of the gang had his revolver to one of the others and took about \$50 in paper money from the safe, but did not take \$30 in silver that was wrapped in paper. The thief then jerked the money from Dietz, who opened and took some money from it.

Dietz told Art Connors, 122 East Thirtieth street, of the hold-up and Connors notified the police. Dietz said he had \$17 of his own money and \$13 of the company's money in his pocket, which the bandits did not take.

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Bernauer Retrial May Be This Term

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ness meeting of 1920.

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It has been decided that delegates for an additional sixty-five members or portion thereof who are enrolled as members of the State Teachers Association; provided further that each county shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

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Charity Report for Shelbyville Filed

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The report shows that total receipts of the charity department were \$948.11 and the expenditures \$830.61, leaving a remainder of \$127.50, which will be placed at the disposal of any charity organization that might be affected.

Mayor Hoop and Mrs. Drake answered the criticism that has been directed against their work in which it is said that charity had been extended in cases where it was not needed or justifiable.

They state that in this work, as in all organized efforts, impostors will receive benefits despite all investigation and the mayor and county nurse believe the suffering alleviated will balance any undeserving charity given.

That Tired Feeling

Is Just As Much a Warning as "Stop, Look and Listen."

It indicates run-down conditions and means that you must purify your blood, renew your strength, tone and your power of resistance, or be in great danger of serious sickness, the grip, flu, fevers, contagious and infectious diseases.

Do not make light of it. It is serious. Give it attention at once. Ask your druggist for Hood's Sarsaparilla. He knows this good

Officers Who Will Officiate at Shrine Ceremonial



Elaborate plans have been made for the first ceremonial to be conducted to-night by the present officers of the Shrine in the Murat Temple.

The members of the divan are: Top row, left to right—A. B. Wagner, first ceremonial master; Lower row—George Spiegel, oriental guide; John C. Minor, chief Rabban; Ed. J. Sconover, potator; L. A. Buddebaum, assistant Rabban, and Charles J. Orbison, high priest.

Recorder: Charles F. Meyer, treasurer; William H. Bockstahler, second ceremonial master. Lower row—George Spiegel, oriental guide; John C. Minor, chief Rabban; Ed. J. Sconover, potator; L. A. Buddebaum, assistant Rabban, and Charles J. Orbison, high priest.

GIVE TEACHERS CONSTITUTION

State Tutors Convention Receives Draft of Proposed Changes.

Approximately two hundred delegates from the various units of the State Teachers' Association met today in Caleb Mill Hall to pass on the proposed new constitution. Dean L. H. Smith of the school of education at Indiana University, presided at the meeting.

A draft of the proposed constitution was handed each delegate, and it was predicted that few, if any, changes would be made.

The new constitution is designed to simplify the conventions by reducing individual representation to the basis of delegate representation. The adoption, however, would not preclude the annual gathering of teachers for instruction purposes in Indianapolis, but would place the actual business of the organization in the hands of chosen delegates.

One of the important sections of the new constitution adopted was in relation to the representative assembly. This section provides that "the representative assembly shall consist of representatives from local branches, or from combinations of such, in no case to exceed one delegate for every fifty-five members of such branch or combination.

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