

URGES WAR PROFITS TAX TO PAY BONUS

Plan to Tax Sales Meets Opposition in Lower House.

Special to The News-Times:
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Democratic members of the house ways and means committee will propose to the house that the money necessary to pay a soldier bonus be raised through the imposition of a tax upon war profits.

Announcement by republicans that the money would be raised through a tax of one-half of one percent on sales, but that this tax would be so applied that the consumer would actually pay a tax of from two to 10 percent and possibly in addition an added profit for the producers brought the warning from Rep. Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, a democratic member of the ways and means committee, that he would make a fight on the floor of the house for his plan to tax war profits.

Mr. Rainey says that no one will admit wishing to make money out of the war, but that the records show that 69,000 persons made \$3,000,000,000 and that these 69,000 persons had an income of more than \$20,000 a year each prior to the war. He proposes that the government take one-half of the profits above the \$20,000 made by these men during the war. In other words, if a man made \$30,000 during the war and \$20,000 prior to the war, Rainey would take one-half of the \$10,000 or \$5,000.

Some Republicans Agree.
Rep. Rainey is assured the support of some republicans who have fought for the bonus and who have defied the republican "steering committee's" edict that there should not be a bonus. Rep. Royal C. Johnson, of South Dakota, has announced he will fight the sales tax idea and will make a fight for Rainey's plan of a tax on war profits. Johnson led the insurgents in their fight on the "steering committee" and will assist Rainey in trying to prevent the imposition of a sales tax.

The republicans propose that a tax of one-half of one percent shall be put upon each "turnover." For instance, they propose that when an umbrella is sold, a tax shall be paid by the purchaser equal to one-half of one percent on the cost of the cloth, when sold by the producer to the manufacturer. The steel ribs, when manufactured, would be taxed in like amount. The handle would be taxed, and so on, and the greater the tax again would be applied to the finished product. So that instead of paying one-half of one percent, the consumer really would pay from 6 to 7 percent.

Form of Indirect Tax.
But the vicious feature about this tax is that it is another form of indirect taxation. The consumer would never know that the actual cost of production was, so the manufacturer could add the one-half of one percent tax and then add extra profit to that and so on down the

A Fair Checho-Slovakian



Mrs. Vladimir L. Hurban, wife of the Military Attaché of the Czechoslovakia Legation at Washington. Mrs. Hurban has become popular in the society circles of that city.

line so that the tax of six or seven percent not only would be passed along to the consumer, but in addition a profit for the manufacturer which would be equal to two or three times the tax. In other words, the consumer not only would pay the one billion or more dollars to the soldiers, but might, under the republican proposal, pay another billion or more to profiteers who would be encouraged to take advantage of this indirect tax.

Democratic members have never proposed an indirect tax, but have suggested that if the republicans are determined to apply the sales tax idea, it should be so applied that the consumer may know just what he pays. The final sale to the consumer would be taxed. The retailer who

publican rule, which has been suggested though not yet formulated, will offer his proposal in the house. If Johnson, Fairfield and Hickey and the other 39 or more republicans join with him, he may win. But they will have to overcome stubborn opposition, for there is at least one prominent republican on the ways and means committee who is said to have made millions out of the war and who has discouraged at every turn any suggestion for a special tax to raise money for the soldiers.

SAYS INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT WILL DIE

TOKIO, April 15.—Baron Saito, governor-general of Korea, says he believes the independence movement in Korea is dying out, although he admits that the Koreans still are making secret efforts to free themselves from the Japanese diet to provide funds to enable him to abolish the flogging of Koreans and substitute imprisonment as punishment.

The baron said that he was making efforts in Korea to put into effect the emperor's rescript that the Koreans be advanced politically with the ultimate object of establishing local autonomy. Koreans, he said, were being trained to conduct the public service in Korea. In addition, the government will establish a railway engineering school in Seoul to teach Koreans to operate their own railways.

An organization of "Blackcoats" called the General Association of Intellectual Workers has been completed in France.

BOARD OF TRUANCY MAKES RULING ON STATE SCHOOL LAW

INDIANAPOLIS, April 17.—According to the state board of truancy, parents no longer can keep their children out of school for the purpose of employing them. The board also stated that employment certificates can be issued to children only employed for hire.

It is further stated "that for a pupil to remain out of school it is necessary for him to be actually employed; that the transaction must be made in good faith" and that "the law has not been met when the pupil remains at home to assist his parents."

Acting in accordance with this ruling, school attendance officers have been instructed to follow this interpretation of the attendance law.

LAWRENCE COUNTY FARMERS REDUCE CROPS

BEDFORD, Ind., April 10.—A reduction in crops is said to have been made by farmers in Lawrence county as a result of the labor shortage and the high cost of farming implements. Several farmers have declared they will reduce their crops to a size where they can be tended without employment of extra help.

Of the 30,000 war contracts which existed at the time of the armistice, all have been settled up with the exception of 2,500.

CHAMPION COW OF INDIANA IS DEAD

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., April 10.—Sweet Rose Meadowbrook, a Jersey cow and judged to be the best butter-making cow in Indiana, is dead. Veterinarians said peritonitis caused the death. The cow was owned by Mrs. H. L. Covode, of near Noblesville.

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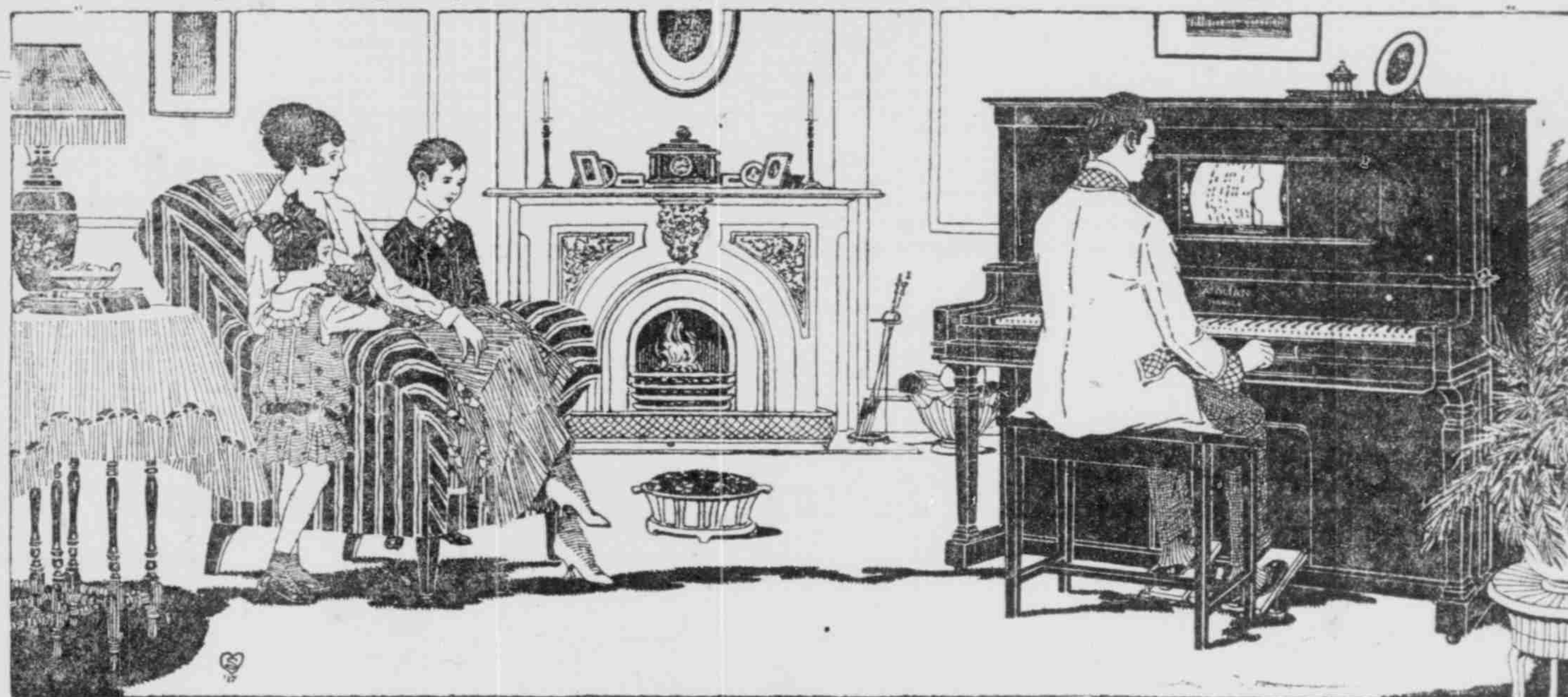
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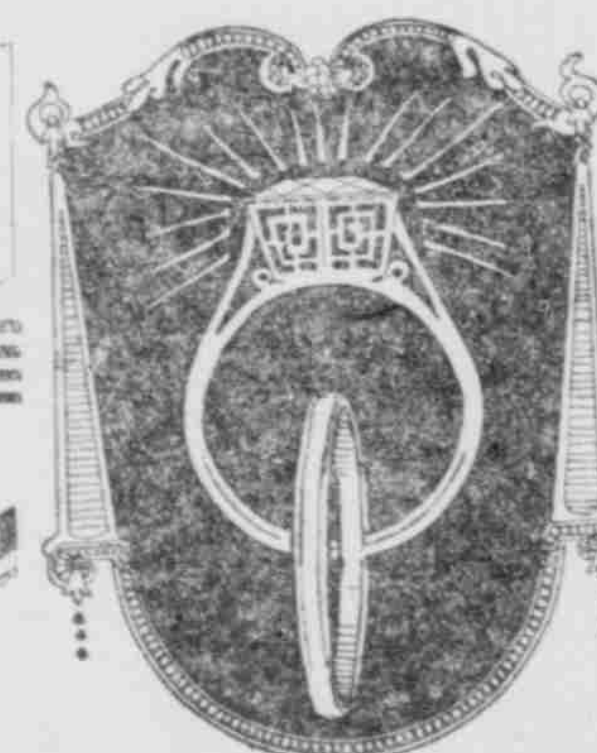
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