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STAMP TAXES ARE EFFECTIVE TODAY

Must Go on Bonds of Indemnity, Capital Stock Issues, Notes, and Other Documents

NONE REQUIRED ON CHECKS

Parcel Post Packages Must Bear Revenue Stamps Amounting to One Cent For Each 25 Cents Postage of Fraction.

Washington. Nov. 30.—Documentary stamp taxes of the war tax bill go into effect tomorrow. Revenue stamps must be affixed to bonds of indemnity or indebtedness, capital stock issues, stock transfers, produce sales on exchanges, drafts, promissary notes, conveyance and deeds, customs house entries, steamship tickets, proxies, assignments of power of attorney, playing cards and parcel post packages. None are required on checks.

All stamps are sold by postoffices except those for stock transfers and produce sales which are distributed through revenue collectors. Millions of dollars in receipts are expected to reach the treasury from this source.

The taxes are similar to those imposed during the Spanish war and by emergency revenue act of 1914.

On capital stock transfers, from which the government expects to derive a large revenue, and which will fall heavily on stock exchanges, the tax is two cents for each $100 or fraction of the face value. Stamps are to be affixed to the stock books, not to the certificate of sale or exchange.

For produce sales on exchanges the tax is 2 cents for $100 of value of the merchandise covered by the agreement and stamps are to be affixed to the memorandum or bill of sale. The law cobers transferred or scratch sales and sales for future delivery.

Bonds of indebtedness are taxed 5 cents for each $100 of face value or fraction and renewals are taxed as new issues.

Indemnity and surety bonds are subject to a tax of 50 cents, or one percent of the premium charged for the execution of the bond. Bonds or policies of re-insurance are exempt.

A tax of 5 cents is levied on each original issue of certificates of stock, either on organization or re-organization, of face value of $100 or fraction. To meet the practice in some states of issuing stock without face value, it is specified that the tax shall be laid on the actual value if there is no face value.

For drafts or checks payable other than at sight or on demand, and for promissory notes and their removal, the tax is 2 cents for each $100 or fraction. This levy will lay a burden particularly on the banking business. Ordinary bank checks are not taxable.

Realty conveyance and deeds are taxed 50 cents where the value of the interest conveyed is between $100 and $500, and 50 cents for each additional $500 or fraction. Deduction may be made of only a lien or encumbrance remaining on the property at the time or sale.

Before any parcel post package may accepted by a postoffice it must bear, in addition to the regular postage, revenue stamps amounting to one cent for each 25 cents postage or fraction.

The entry of goods at a customs house for consumption or warehousing is taxable 25 cents when the value is not more than $100; 50 cents when the value is between $100 and $500, and $1 when the value exceeds $500.

Passage tickets to trans-Atlantic, South American, or other ports not in the United States, Canada or Mexico are taxed acording to a sliding scale running from $1 on tickets costing between $10 and $30, to $5 for tickets costing more than $60.

Proxies for voting at any meeting, except of religious, charitable, fraternal, educational or literary organizations, must bear 10 cent revenue stamps. For a power of attorney the tax is 25 cents. In addition to the old tax of 2 cents on playing cards, a new levy of 5 cents a pack is imposed.

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Deposits made in Savings Department of the American Bank & Trust Co., today draw 4 per cent Compound Interest.—Adv.

MANY NAVAL OFFICERS ARE TO BE ADVANCED

They Will Be Named Under the Merit System by the Newly Created Selection Board.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Four new rear admirals, twenty-one captains and fifty-one commanders of the navy will be named under the merit system next week by the selection board which will hold its first meeting next Monday to fill vacancies created by the expansion for war of the naval estimate. At the same time 110 lieutenants and 247 junior lieutenants will be advanced a grade under the seniority system for the duration of the war and the grade of ensign will be readjusted to acommodate the 422 warrant and reserve officers holding temporary war commissions in that grade.

The selection board is composed by law of nine rear admirals. The names of the officers composing it this year have been withheld to protect them from the importunities of friends of officers eligible for advancement.

Numberous promotions must be made soon, also, in the personnel of the staff corps of the navy. There has been no announcement as to whether the seniority or selection rule is to apply to these, the selection law dealing only with line commissions in the higher grades.

TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO INCREASE COAL SUPPLY

Sub-Committee of Railroad Experts Will Deal With Transportation at First Hand.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 30.—The general operating committee of the eastern railroads today took furtser steps toward relieving the coal shortage in various parts of the country and in straightening out the congestion on eastern railroads by the appointment of a sub-committee of railroad experts who will sit at Cumberland, Md., and deal at first hand with the situation which admittedly is hindering the nation's war efforts and acting a a depressing factor on business throughout the country. A. C. Needles, of Roanoke, Va., was named a member of the sub-committee.

The sub-committee will conduct the work on the ground for the following lines, all of which are east of but not included in the Pittsburg terminal territory and east of Parkersburg, W. Va:

Baltimore & Ohio, Cumberland Valley, Philadelphia & Reading, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, Western Maryland, Coal & Coke, Cumberland and Pennsylvania and Norfolk & Western.

A statement issued tonight from the headquarters of the general committee says:

"The general operating committee wishes to advise the public that in placing any restrictions on any class of traffic that proper provision will at all times be made for foodstuffs for human and animal consumption."

ROCKY MOUNT CLERKS ORDERED BACK TO WORK

Thirty Clerks Go Back to Work Today in Rocky Mount Offices—Strike Over There.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Rocky Mount, Nov. 30.—Over thirty striking clerks of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company here have been officially notified to return to work tomorrow morning. It is understood that the clerks will all get their positions again and will be allowed to affiliate themselves with any clerical organization without hindrance. The clerks waived contention for pay while out. It is presumed that all clerks who have been out on the system will return to work. Yesterday's news dispatches stated that President Wilson and President John R. Kenly, of the Coast Line had been exchanging telegrams regarding a settlement of the controversy and stated that Mr. Kenly notified the chief executive that all clerks would be reemployed as soon as practicable.

Nothing else was heard until an official of the road here notified clerks to return to their posts of duty tomorrow morning.

COL. JAMES F. RYAN TO BE STATIONED AT CHARLOTTE

Ft. Sheridan, Ill., Nov. 30.—Col. Jas. A. Ryan, commander of the second reserve officers' training camp, has been ordered to take command of the training in the third division at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., it was made konwn here today. Lieutenant Colonel Cromwell Stacey has been assigned to the 30th infantry at Camp Greene. Colonel Ryan will be a member of the staff of the general commanding and will have charge of supply, engineer sanitary and ammunition trains for the division.

TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY CONVENTION CLOSES

Sessions Climaxed With Patriotic Rally Last Night

Governor Bickett, President Graham and Arthur Farwell Made Addresses—Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Charlotte, Nov. 30.—The North Carolina Teachers Assembly closed its thirty-fourth annual convention here tonight with a patriotic rally in the city auditorium, when speeches were made by Governor Bickett, President Graham, of the University, and Arthur Farwell, composer and musician, of New York city. The occasion was the presentation of the Shireley cup, given for the best musical composition in the state for the year.

Friday proved a busy day for the delegates, more than 25 special meetings being held during the day. There were a number of social events, consisting of banquets held by the four or five larger college alumnae and the University, and a visit to Camp Greene, where the soldiers went through special maneuvers for the benefit of the visitors.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: N. W. Walker, president, Chapel Hill; S. B. Underwood, vice president, Greenville; E. E. Sams, secretary, Raleigh; A. S. Webb, Miss Mary Arrington and R. H. Latham were elected to fill vacancies on the executive board.

In the long list of resolutions passed at the business meeting held at noon today, the secretary was instructed to write a letter to all superior court judges, calling upon them to charge their several grand juries as to the compulsory attendance law. Owing to the fact that many valuable teachers are leaving the service because of higher salaries paid by concerns, profiting by the world was the resolutions called upon the proper authorities to raise salaries of teachers to prevent this great loss to the teaching force of the state.

Pressure will be brought to bear upon the next legislature for the raising of teachers' salaries, enlarging the state school funds, and erecting fireproof buildings.

Following the conclusion of the business session and the social features this afternoon, many of the 1,500 delegates left for their various sections of the state. The majority, however, remained over for the patriotic rally tonight and left on late trains or will return home tomorrow.

The Shirley Cup was awarded to Miss Alla Pearl Little, of Hickory. Her composition was a circle of songs, five parts, "From the Heart of Nature."

MRS. KING'S AGED MOTHER TESTIFIES

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checks made payable to her and endorsed with her name were presented to her for identification, whereupon she acknowledged that she received the money for the checks, but said she did not believe the endorsements were her signature.

Separated From Mrs. King.

Mrs. Robinson also told a story of how during the last two years Gaston Means had been instrumental in keeping Mrs. King away from her, never allowing her to see her daughter and always interfering and separating them if by chance they did happen to get together. She also testified that on one occasion when she was ill Means took her medicine away from her, saying he believed the physician was doping her, and that on another occasion Means moved her from the hotel on short notice because he said, according to her statement, that a woman had arrived who was liable to give them trouble, and they must get away. She testified also that she was never advised of the death of her daughter until two hours before the dead body was presented to her at Asheville.

Mrs. Robinson was a very willing witness, too willing, indeed, to suit the convenience of the court, the state or the defense. She talked very low and it was impossible for Judge Cline, the jury and the attorneys for the state and defense to hear her at the same time.

Stenographer Read Answer.

After repeated efforts and argument and complaint of the defense that they could not hear what she was saying, the court stenographer took a seat beside her and read aloud her answers to the questions propounded. Almost invariably she did not stop at a simple, direct question, but continued with comment, which was ruled out of evidence and which the defense was loath to have the jury hear. Once or twice Judge Cline left the bench and stood close in front of her to hear and to instruct her about answering questions. F. I. Osborne likewise stood close to her and stooped over her chair chair in cross-examination.

When being questioned about matters concerning her deceased daughter, she weakened several times and had to pause and apply smelling salts. She said she is 76 years of age.

Slow Progress in Trial.

So slow has been the progress of the trial the last two days that all hope of concluding it before the middle of next week has been abandoned and some of the attorneys in the case have admitted the likelihood that another week may be consumed. Judge Cline this afternoon sent a message to the sheriff of Randolph county, where he was scheduled to convene court Monday instructing him to adjourn the court there from December 3 to December 10, Solicitor Hayden Clement concurring.

The state today introduced only three witnesses in addition to Mrs. Robinson, these being Dr. Otto Schultz, pathologist attached to the office of District Attorney Swann, who qualified as an expert on autopsies and the effect of pistol wounds; A. Leonard Johnson, who told the story of the trust created by Mrs. King for the benefit of her mother and later revoked, and Henry Vanstory, assistant manager of a tourist hotel at Asheville, who testified as to the arrivals and departures of Gaston B. Means, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. King, Mrs. Melvin, W. R. Patterson, father-in-law of the defendant, and others associated with them in August and September last.

Experts' Testimony Unshaken.

Dr. Schultz declared that in his opinion it was impossible for a person to self-inflict such a wound as tnat which appears from evidence to have been the cause of Mrs. King's death, either intentionally or accidentally. Vigorous effort was made by the defense to shake his testimony, but without avail; he maintained and repeated and emphasized his declaration under the rapid fire of questions plied by E. T. Cansler of counsel for the defense. He took a 25-calibre Colt automatic pistol, the type with which Mrs. King was killed, according to the evidence, and made a physical demonstration of what he declared the impossibility of a person holding the weapon in such position as to fire a shot to make such a wound as was found in Mrs. King's head.

Mr. Johnson told of an agreement of trust made in 1911 between Mrs. King and the Merchants' Loan & Trust Company by which $125,000 was held in trust by the bank, composed of various securities, from the income of which Mrs. Robinson was to receive $600 a month during her natural life and Mrs. King the balance. Each month the bank sent Mrs. Robinson a check for the $600. In 1916 Gaston Means came to the bank, having previously been introduced as Mrs. King's business agent, and asked the institution to make Mrs. King a loan upon the security of the trust fund which would revert to her at her mother's death. Being an unusual sort of transaction, the trust company declined to transact it.

Means Got Securities.

In December, 1916, Means came and stated that Mrs. King, being in need of funds, desired to revoke the trust and was advised this could be done only upon application and receipt signed jointly by Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. King. Later Means returned the necessary document, the trust was revoked and the securities delivered to Means, who gave the bank a trust in full for them.

Not long afterwards Means deposited in the commercial department of the same bank $110,000 to his own credit. Afterwards he brought $35,000 of the securities which had constituted the trust and secured a loan of $35,000. Thereafter, for a period, each month Means came to the bank and bought a draft for $1,000, paying cash for it, drawn in favor of Mrs. Robinson and on the same sort of blank check as the bank had used in remitting her $600 a month while the trust existed and desired the same sort of envelope in which to mail it to Mrs. Robinson.

Denies Genuineness of Signature.

Later Mrs. Robinson testified that Means told her he had increased her monthly stipend from $600 to $1,000, but did not explain why. She denied that the signature purporting to be hers on the application and revocation of the trust was hers, though she said it was an imitation of her signature.

On cross-examination the defense sought to break the testimony of Mr. Johnson by forcing him to admit that he did not personally see all the moneys and checks in the transactions which he had described and which he admitted, but explained that one individual in a large banking institution could never see all moneys and papers handled through the house personally. He had to go to the records as to some of the checks, drafts, etc., but he had personal knowledge of the trust fund, the securities and the revocation thereof. The state seeks to show that Means revoked the trust without Mrs. Robinson's knowledge and increased the monthly payments to her so as to keep her ignorant of the revocation of the trust, according to Mr. Clement.

Force Means to Testify.

Counsel for the defense stated positively today in reply to a categorical question that they had not decided whether or not Means would go on the stand. Solicitor Clement, on the other hand, said that the state would force the defendant to testify before the trial ended.

Solicitor Clement stated tonight that no action would be taken regarding the action of Henry Deitch, who made a show of protest against Mrs. Robinson being taken into the court house, as there was no actual attempts at interference with the court's processes.

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NORWEGIANS "SURRENDERED" WHEN SURFMEN WENT ABOARD

An Atlantic Port, Nov. 30.—Sending out a boat to what they supposed to be a deserted ship, surfmen guarding the coast near here found the crew of a Norwegian bark huddled below decks, in great fear, and the skipper promptly informed the captain of the surfmen that they had made no resistance and offered to surrender his ship.

Inquiry developed the fact that in the dense fog the bark had drifted so far inshore while beating the Atlantic coast, that stray shots from a government rifle range where troops were engaged in target practice had whistled through sails and rigging.

The Norwegians thought they had been attacked from the shore for violation of some new navigation law put into force owing to the war, and of which they were ignorant. Explanations quieted the men and the bark proceeded to port.

BULK OF CUBAN SUGAR CROP AVAILABLE SOON

Base Price of $4.90 Per Hundred Pounds is Fixed.

New York, Nov. 30.—The bulk of the new Cuban sugar crop will soon be available in the New York market under an agreement reached today at a conference of the Cuban Sugar Commission and the International Sugar Committee, fixing the base price at $4.90 per hundred pounds.

This price represents $4.60 per hundredweight free on board at Cuban ports, plus an estimated thirty cents freight rate to New York. The actual price of the sugar at New York cannot be determined until the United States shipping bureau has fixed the freight a few days. It was reported to the international sugar committee that American beet sugar is moving steadily and satisfactorily. Ohio refiners are said to be receiving 10,000 tons daily.

TOBACCO FARMERS GROWING RICH ON 35-CENT TOBACCO

Total of 6,666,250 Pounds Sold at Winston-Salem in a Month.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 30.—The Winston-Salem tobacco market has sold a total of 6,666,250 pounds of leaf tobacco during the month of November, distributing among growers of this immediate section a total of $2,327,771.71, the average price for the month having been practically 35 cents a pound.

During the past four months, since the crop started coming in, this market has sold 21,791,797 pounds, for which the growers have received $7,177,885.02, the average price having been practically 35 cents for the fall. The price is almost double that of last year and more than three times that of 1914-15.

The local market is expected to sell four million pounds by Christmas, leaving only about 2,000,000 pounds to be sold after the holidays.

SECRET TREATY PUBLISHED BY BOLSHEVIKI GOVERNMENT

Comprises Terms Upon Which Italy Entered the War.

London, Nov. 30.—A secret treaty between Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy has been given out by the Bolsheviki government, according to a Petrograd dispatch under date of Wednesday, to the Daily Mail.

It comprises the terms on which Italy entered the war. Great Britain, France and Russia, according to the published text, agree to Italy annexing the Trentino, the southern Tyrol, Istria, Dalmatis, certain islands in the Grecian archipelago and territory in Asia Minor and Africa. Article XV of the treaty is reported to read as follows:

"France, Great Britain and Russia take upon themselves to support Italy in her disallowing representatives of the Holy See to take any diplomatic steps for the conclusion of peace or regarding matters pertaining to the present war."

FIVE SOLDIERS DIE IN FRANCE.

Private C. J. Hardwick, of Chadbourn, N. C., Among the Number.

Washington, Nov. 30.—General Pershing reported today the deaths of five members of the American expeditionary force in France. They include Private Clinton J. Hardwick, engineers, November 26, cerebro-spinal meningitis, emergency address, D. W. Monroe, Chadbourn, N. C., and Corporal Frank J. Mecon, infantry, November 26, pneumonia, emergency address, unidentified.

Endorses Revision Bill.

The Hague, Nov. 30.—Queen Wilhelmina today endorsed the constitutional revision bill which yesterday was finally adopted by the states general. The bill provides for universal suffrage and proportional representation.

MASONS LAY CORNER STONE AT RALEIGH MONDAY AFTERNOON

Raleigh Old Folks and the Poor Given Dinner by Pullen Mill.

Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, Nov. 30.—The North Carolina grand lodge of Masons will lay the corner stone for the administration building of the new plant of the state school for the blind here on the afternoon of December 3, the work on the new buildings on the new site southwest of the city being new under way with a view of having the new plant ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next school year. A special program for the occasion is being perfeted.

At the Raleigh Iron Works this afternoon there was a special program for the raising of a United States flag, it having been secured by the machinists and other working in the plant, The address was delivered by State Treasurer B. R. Lacy.

The annual dinner for the "old folks" of the city as provided for in the will of the late John Pullen was given Thanksgiving at the Pullen Memorial church and was a well attended feast. Over 200 familles of the poor were also assured special Thanksgiving dinners through the geerosity of the Elks, Capital club and other organizations.

WEIGHT OF AMERICANS TO BE FELT IN WAR CONFERENCE

Are Expected to Wield Great Influence in Bringing About Unity.

Paris, Nov. 30.—The delegates to the inter-allied conference were engaged today with the committee meetings at the various French ministries, there being no general session. The impression is that the important work of the conference will be transacted by these committees, the proceedings of which are entirely secret.

The American members are expected to exercise great influence in bringing about closer unity. They are pleased with the cordial and receptive manner in which they suggestions thus far have been received.

It was annouced officially that the supreme war council tomorrow will begin its sittings at Versailles at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

EVERY SOLDIER HAD ALL THE TURKEY HE WANTED

American's First Thanksgiving In France One of Gaiety.

With the American Army in France, Thursday, Nov. 29.—(By The Associated Press).—Every American soldier in France spent a real American Thanksgiving day. He dined on turkey and all that goes with it until be could eat no more.

The feature of the day was a football game in which a team from the engineers defeated a team from the infantry. The game was watched by thousands of American troops and a thousand French soldiers. The shouts from the respective rooters were heard far afield and towards the end of the game the French soldiers, getting the hang of it, became just as enthusiastic as the Americans. Virtually all instruction work and drilling was suspended for the day.

CAMPAIGN IN EAST AFRICA IS NOW NEARING AN END

London, Nov. 29.—The end of the East African campaign before Christmas is predicted by the Reuter correspondent at Ndara. He declares that by that time the German commander-in-chief will either be a prisoner or in exile.

LENINE GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE FALLEN

London, Nov. 30.—The government of Nikolai Lenine has fallen, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Chronicle, dated Wednesday. It has been succeeded by a coalition cabinet of advanced Socialists, in which, however, the Bolsheviki are represented.

Southern Places Embargo.

Charlotte, Nov. 30.—Because of traffic congestion the Southern railway has established an embargo on freight destined for points in the north and west not reached by that system. Officials say they expect the emergency requiring the step to soon pass.

Four Workmen Killed.

Trenton, Ont., Nov. 30.—Four workmen were killed and two injured in an explosion in one of the buildings of the British chemical company here early today. The building was destroyed by fire which followed.

TOLERANT POLICY BEING MAINTAINED

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eral Kaledines and other leaders who have refused to acknowledge the control of the Maximalists.

The letter of Lord Landsdowne suggesting a moderation of allied war aims which has aroused such a bitter feeling in England may, in the opinion of some of the diplomatic officials here, prove a powerful factor in keeping the Bolsheviki within the entente allied circle by letting them perceive that their own doctrines regarding peace are not lacking in support among entente statesmen.

PREFERENTIAL SHIPMENT QUESTION TANGLED UP

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consumed by the number of animals there are to eat it."

With the co-operation of the shipping board the fuel administration is making arrangements for supplying an edequate amount of coal to New England by water from middle and South Atlantic ports. Nearly all of the ships just cut in half and brought from the lakes will be used, it was said today, for this service.

MILLERS URGE THAT ORDER BE RESCINDED

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four million bushels of wheat brought into the state for milling purposes in something like 250,000 bushels exported in the shape of flour and other milled products. The best estimates seem to be that nearly nine-tenths of the wheat produced in the state is ground by the small mills on the "custom" basis, the tolls for the grinding in seed, that the state must produce something like six millions more bushels of wheat before the state can be really said to be self sustaining in the production of its wheat bread.

LANSDOWNE SPEAKING FOR NO GROUND

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is identical with the Marquis of Lansdowne's views.

An interesting point of view in some of the political discussions bearing on the letter is that it points to a possible alternative government and policy to that of the existing government.

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