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U. S. REVENUE PERSONAL INCOME GROWS

Net Uncle Sam More Than Billion and Quarter for 1919.

NEW YORK STATE LEADS Files Greatest Number of Returns; N. Carolina Second in Average Net Income.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The government obtained a total of \$1,269,000,000 in revenue from personal income taxes in 1919—an increase of \$141,000,000 compared with 1918—according to a preliminary report of income tax returns made public tonight by internal revenue commissioner Blair.

The commissioner's report showed there were 5,322,160 personal returns filed in the calendar year 1919, representing a growth of 907,646 from 1918, while the total amount of net income reported for 1919 was \$18,853,000,000, an increase of \$3,345,000,000 over the previous year.

The average net income per return for 1919 was \$3,544.88, the average amount of tax \$223.08, and the average tax rate 6.39 per cent.

There were filed 45 returns of net income of one million dollars and over; 189 of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000; 425 of \$300,000 to \$500,000; 1,844 of \$150,000 to \$300,000; 2,200 of \$100,000 to \$150,000; 13,320 of \$50,000 to \$100,000; 37,472 of \$25,000 to \$50,000; 182,485 of \$10,000 to \$25,000; 436,851 of \$5,000 to \$10,000; 1,100,485 of \$2,500 to \$5,000; 1,569,741 of \$1,000 to \$2,500; and 1,924,872 of \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Wives making separate returns from husbands numbered 55,334; single men, heads of families, 797; single women, heads of families, 43,595; single men, all other, 602,277; single women, all other, 261,960.

Returns from New York. New York reported the greatest number of returns, 883,085, or 13.41 per cent of the total. The amount of net income reported by New York was \$2,438,343,179, or 12.91 per cent of the total, and the tax paid was \$152,821,151, or 31.49 per cent of the total.

The next largest number of returns filed by states were Pennsylvania, 152,175; the second highest, 10.10 per cent of the total.

The per capita net income for New York, according to the population of the census for 1919, was \$330.89.

The District of Columbia was second in the percentage of population filing returns, 13.40 per cent. The district reported also the highest per capita net income per return of \$2,444.88; Nevada, 10.21 per cent of the total, reporting an average net income per return of \$2,000.95, and the territory of Alaska, reporting an average net income per return of \$2,000.95.

Virginia led the southern states in the percentage of personal income returns filed, in the percentage of state population filing returns and in the total amount of net income. Louisiana led in the total amount of net income and in the per capita net income and in the per capita income tax paid. North Carolina led in the average net income of returns, being \$3,544.88, and in the total net income, \$1,269,000,000, and in the average amount of tax per return.

Statistics of income from the personal returns for the calendar year 1919 show the payments made in 1920 for the previous year's income by states as follows:

Florida: Returns filed, 1,107, or 2.21 per cent of the state's population; net income reported, \$107,462,976, an average of \$110.86 per capita and \$3,451 per return; total tax, \$4,345,089, an average of \$4.51 per capita and \$140.26 per return.

Georgia: Returns filed, 58,930, or 2.04 per cent of the state's population; net income reported, \$219,471,959, an average of \$75.79 per capita and \$2,724 per return; total tax, \$21,134,092, an average of \$31.15 per capita and \$185 per return.

North Carolina: Returns filed, 37,785, or 1.46 per cent of the state's population; net income reported, \$1,813,413,407, an average of \$62.15 per capita and \$4,346 per return; total tax, \$10,010,248, and average of \$3.91 per capita and \$259 per return.

South Carolina: Returns filed, 37,794, or 2.21 per cent of the state's population; net income reported, \$142,628,832, an average of \$47.76 per capita and \$3,328 per return; total tax, \$5,192,020, an average of \$15.09 per capita and \$153.21 per return.

Tennessee: Returns filed, 50,789, or 2.17 per cent of the state's population; net income reported, \$193,909,359, an average of \$59.95 per capita and \$3,518 per return; total tax, \$9,092,054, an average of \$33.88 per capita and \$178.82 per return.

Virginia: Returns filed, 75,966, or 2.79 per cent of the state's population; net income reported, \$347,455,274, an average of 107.37 per capita and \$3,260 per return; total tax, \$9,020,237, an average of \$29.91 per capita and \$178.74 per return.

WIVES RECOVERED. PENSACOLA, Fla., July 24.—The bodies of Jack Hollenback and Southern Noble Montgomery, Ala. young men who were drowned at Pensacola Bay Friday were recovered this afternoon and are being brought here tonight. They will be shipped to Montgomery tomorrow.

TEXTILE STRIKERS WROUGHT UP AND SOME GETTING DESPERATE

Angry Over Lack of Funds for Support Promised by President McMahon, They Are Reported Fighting and Quarreling in North Charlotte—Evidence of Discontent and Restlessness Accumulates—Food Is Scarce.

From day to day The Observer has been reporting developments in the strike situation, as it was able to gather information from the union officials as to what their people were doing and planning and also from mill officials as to what they were doing and planning. This paper has published the union officials' statements as to conditions in North Charlotte with reference to how the strikers and their families are feeling and feeling in the following articles published in this paper: "The conditions and the feelings of the strikers and their families as obtained from sources independent of the strikers or their organization."

That the striking mill workers in North Charlotte are very much wrought up over the present condition of affairs and that some of them are getting desperate with anger over the situation and fighting, or at least quarreling among themselves, is the information which is accumulating in daily-increasing volume, gathered bit by bit from sources that seem reliable and vouched for by representative men of Charlotte who keep in constant touch with the strikers or their organization.

This report of conditions is expected to be denied, as practically every other report which has indicated that everything was moving well for the strikers' standpoint, has been denied, by their leaders, who have consistently and frequently given out

President Harding Facing Hot Water Over the Issue Of the Philippine Islands

Recommendation of Independence May Split Party.

MAY SEEK COMPROMISE If He Opposes Independence.

Philippine War Issue a SORT OF IRISH PROBLEM

President Faces Dilemma When Wood and Forbes Return and Submit Report.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—President Harding returned to Washington by automobile at 8 o'clock tonight from the Camp near Bigpool, Md., where he had spent Saturday night.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—President Harding ended a Sabbath devoted to rest and divine worship. The President attended impromptu church services held in a little grove adjoining the camp where he is staying.

Harding did not go outside the camp limits except for a short horseback ride during the morning.

Mounted on one of Mr. Firestone's thoroughbreds, the President and several other members of the party took a turn through the woods and then went to a country store nearby where the President telephoned to Mrs. Harding, who is ill, and received reassuring reports concerning her.

Although he retired early last night, the President was one of the last in camp to be up for breakfast. He slept soundly in the \$35 tent provided for his accommodation, an adobe apparently much relished.

The experience here has provided him with his first real opportunity for seclusion out of doors since he entered the White House.

During the religious services, a small congregation of people from the surrounding country assembled and were invited to take part.

Afterward the President shook hands with each of them as they gathered broke up.

TWO MEN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

FRANKLINTON, July 24.—H. B. Jones of Norfolk, Va., president of the defunct Cumberland Railway and Power company, and S. B. Hutchison, prominent Norfolk business man, were killed shortly before midnight last night when the automobile in which they were riding overturned on a railway crossing three miles north of here.

Mr. Jones, 50, was driving the car, which was carrying three passengers. Mr. Hutchison, 45, was seated in the front seat, and a young man, 20, was in the back seat.

DRINKS WOOD ALCOHOL. BLINDNESS IS FEARED. GREENVILLE, S. C., July 24.—Shortly after John Henrick, 21, was arrested for being drunk, he lapsed into unconsciousness which proved fatal. He was taken to a local hospital and county officials are seeking the person who sold him the poisonous fluid.

MONEY RAISING LEGISLATION IS FIRST IN ORDER

Will Keep Congressional Committee Busy This Week.

TAX REVISION ON TAP Four Days to Be Devoted to Hearing What Taxpayers Have to Say First.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Money raising legislation will occupy the attention of congressional committees at each end of the capital this week with the senate committee opening hearings tomorrow on the Fordney tariff bill and the house ways and means committee ready for discussion of the new tax bill Tuesday.

Although the tariff bill, passed by the house Thursday and designed to raise about a half billion dollars in revenue annually, was going into its second stage, it was somewhat subordinated to the tax measure which must precede it.

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WAKE SHERIFF TO SELL 75 STILL AT AUCTION

RALEIGH, July 24.—Seventy-five liquor stills, most of them copper construction, will be sold to the highest bidder for cash by the sheriff of Wake county tomorrow at the courthouse door.

All of the stills were captured from blockaders in the county within the past three months.

Nothing is the matter with them except they have been chopped to pieces with axes.

IRISH TRUCE IS STILL UNBROKEN

Every Day Gained is Regarded as Favorable to Peace.

No Sign From Dublin of Approval or Disapproval of British Proposals.

LONDON, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The truce between England and Ireland, which lasted for a fortnight, is unbroken and every day gained is regarded as favorable to a peace settlement.

There is no sign from Dublin of approval or disapproval of the government's proposals, but the fact that they have not been rejected outright is considered good ground for hope.

It is said that the government will not insist that the settlement be effected through the machinery of the existing act of parliament, but will be disposed to consider any plan which the Irish and southern Ireland may be able to agree for attaining the desired end.

Almost all the discussion here, however, assumes that Mr. De Valera must be willing to agree to the maintenance of the present status of the Ulster parliament and those most favorable to Ireland's cause express the hope that the Irish republican leader and his friends will be disposed to discuss the possibility of throwing away the chance of peace by insisting upon any plan calculated to disrupt Ulster's position.

Their view is that time will be on their side in bringing Ulster back into the truce.

De Valera intends to convene the republican parliament for the purpose of considering the proposals.

BELFAST BELIEVES DE VALERA WILL REJECT

BELFAST, IRELAND, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The belief appears general in Belfast that Eamon De Valera, the Irish republican leader, will not accept the terms of the British government for a settlement of the Irish question, which fall far short of the republican ideal.

It may be assumed that the outstanding feature of the government offer is fiscal control, which implies dominionism for Ireland outside the six northern counties, and unless special provision is made to the contrary, it is believed likely to prove the strongest lever for forcing Ulster to join with the southern parliament.

The prospects, so far as actions may be judged, are not discouraging. The northern cabinet, although not officially stated, is generally believed that the Ulster government has received the most positive guarantees for the British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George.

Meanwhile, the authorities are taking advantage of the truce to restore matters to a normal basis.

SINN FEIN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT RELEASED

DUBLIN, July 24.—Countess Georgiana Markievicz, Sinn Fein member of parliament for Saint Patrick's division of Dublin, was released from Mountjoy prison today. She had served seven months of a two year sentence imposed last December.

Countess Markievicz, who was elected member of parliament in 1918, was the first woman ever named for membership in that body, but never took her seat. She also has been named minister of labor by the Dail Eireann, or Irish republican parliament.

MISS ALICE GARRISON AGAIN TRUANT OFFICER

YORK, S. C., July 24.—Miss Alice Garrison, who served as truant officer for York county until the office was abolished last spring, has been elected to fill the office, which was revived last week by the county board of education, with the consent of the York legislative delegation. Her tenure of office this time will be brief, however, as she expects to teach school in the fall. When the office was abolished several months ago its duties were devolved on the school trustees, but the latter entered a strenuous objection to this arrangement, which resulted in a return to the old system.

MILITARY COMPANY IN COURSE OF FORMATION

GAFNEY, July 24.—A paper containing the names of 24 young men who are desirous of forming a company of light artillery for Gafney was sent to the adjutant general of the state last Friday. Many of the signers are veterans of the world war, and these men are anxious that the organization should be formed. The prospects do not appear particularly bright at this time for the success of the movement, as it takes a minimum of 68 members before authority will be granted for the formation of the company, but the promoters are working hard to obtain the other needed members and they are very hopeful of success.

MOBILE SCHOOL ENDS SESSION AT GASTONIA

GASTONIA, July 24.—The lecture by Dr. J. L. Vipperman Friday afternoon brought to an end the most successful mobile school that has ever been held in this county. Rev. W. C. Barrett, the dean, said that in his opinion the school was the best that has ever been held in the county before. Authority will be granted for the formation of the company, but the promoters are working hard to obtain the other needed members and they are very hopeful of success.

TOKIO DIPLOMATS BELIEVE JAPAN WILL TAKE PART IN FAR EASTERN DISCUSSIONS

Definite Agreement in Advance on Scope of Conference.

TOKIO VIEWS OUTLINED Final Course of Japan as to Disarmament Conference Up to Advisory Council.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Although the conclusions of the diplomatic advisory council of Japan, which has been meeting in Tokyo, are expected to decide finally the course of that country with respect to participation in the proposed far eastern conference, it was stated authoritatively today to be practically certain that Japan will ask assurance that a formal agreement as to the scope of the conference discussions be reached prior to the meeting.

Formulation of such an agreement, it also was stated, need not precede response by Japan to the overtures of Secretary Hughes but perhaps be unknown. The Japanese government came at some time through the reply to the American secretary of state and the actual meeting of the conference. Formulation of the agreement might come before the extension of the formal invitation to the conference; in fact there are some indications that the Japanese would prefer that arrangement.

Principal subjects for discussion by the proposed conference under the head of far eastern questions considered in Japanese circles here to embrace the status of China; its relations to other governments; its complex international economic conditions; and the possibility of including various conflicting concessions held by foreign governments as well as individuals. The Japanese believe that there should be a belief in that there should be a weak and capricious administration to embrace the status of China; its relations to other governments; its complex international economic conditions; and the possibility of including various conflicting concessions held by foreign governments as well as individuals.

The Japanese hope and expectation is understood to be that, notwithstanding China's efforts to bring the subject of the Japanese occupation here by the conference, that matter may yet be adjusted in advance by direct negotiations between the two governments. It is also believed in Japanese circles that the Japanese government has been recognized as the standard of the chronic cases of leprosy that it had to be administered as a whole, with the result that the cure was slow and often inefficient.

Dr. W. J. Goodhue, for 18 years resident physician at the Molokai settlement says that under the present method of treatment 65 per cent of the chronic cases of leprosy at the settlement will be turned out cured within the next two years.

Many of the patients at Molokai, however, never can recover as their disease was too far advanced before the cure was discovered.

There are 512 patients at Molokai and of these 175 have been under treatment with the Dean cure for five months.

64 LEPROS ARE FREED AS CURED

Use of Chaulmoogra Oil Specific Proving Successful.

Molokai Settlement May Be No Longer Needed Within 10 Years, Say Authorities.

HONOLULU, July 24.—Use of the new chaulmoogra oil specific as a cure for leprosy has been so successful at the Molokai island settlement for leprosy here that 64 inmates of Kala hospital have been discharged as completely cured.

Authorities say that probably within 10 years the territory will have no further need of Molokai as a leprosy settlement; that settlements for leprosy will be a thing of the past, and that leprosy itself may perhaps be eradicated.

To Arthur L. Dean, president of the University of Hawaii, goes the credit for perfecting the leprosy cure. Chaulmoogra oil long has been recognized as the standard of the chronic cases of leprosy that it had to be administered as a whole, with the result that the cure was slow and often inefficient.

Dr. Dean has separated from the bulk of the oil that element which combats the disease. It is this element, in the pure state, that has been used with such astounding results at Molokai. The process is an intermuscular injection once a week and capsules administered internally three times daily.

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GIRL CAPTURED STILL IN COUNTY OF CRAVEN

Nothing Left for Moonshiner, but to Start at Bottom and Work Upward.

KINSTON, July 24.—A girl, bearded moonshiner, with a gun and slouch hat probably wouldn't hurt a little girl. So, under the circumstances, there is nothing for one Craven county 'nsher to do save start at the bottom again and build upward, for Sade Ballard has his will, kettles and all. Sade is 14 years of age. She was picking huckleberries when she found the still. The operator was away. The plant was hidden in woods about 300 yards from the home of Sade's father, J. W. Ballard, near Dover. It was of 25-gallon capacity. Sade carried the pot home. Then she went back and got the moonshiner's lantern and lantern shades, and a number of glass jars with which she may conserve the huckleberries she jeks in the woods. The pot and other equipment constituted quite a find. Besides she's a prohibitionist. Maybe the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will want to give Sade a medal.

ADVANCE IN COTTON STIMULATES BUSINESS. GAFNEY, July 24.—The recent advance in the price of cotton has had the effect of putting a large amount of the staple on the local market recently, the prevailing price 12 cents per pound, while this price will hardly cover the cost of production, producers say that they are afraid to hold for a higher price. The sale of cotton has put much money into circulation, and business has revived to such an extent that people are encouraged to believe that the hard times are about over. Business in all lines has shown a marked improvement during the past few weeks, and building operations, which were of a standstill, have started up again and everything points to more prosperous times. It is estimated that those who profess to know that the cotton crop will be at least one-third off in Cherokee county.

ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL OPEN. GASTONIA, July 24.—President R. B. Babin of the North Carolina Orthopaedic hospital, is busy engaged this week in notifying the physicians of North Carolina of the opening of the hospital. He wishes all physicians of the state to become acquainted with the work of the hospital and to help in the work of spreading the news of the treatment given crippled children.



Perhaps our cloud has a silver lining but it usually takes other people to see it.