

**AMERICAN POCKETBOOK  
HIT BY WAR TAX TOLL**

**Within Three Months the Buying Public Will Be Paying a Tax on Practically Everything**  
(Washington Special)

The war tax toll on the American pocketbook began Friday. Within two months the buying public will be paying over the counter, through ticket windows of various kinds, and almost everywhere else, the levies under the \$2,535,000,000 revenue bill, now a law.

Throughout the land today the high cost of living mounted higher with additional taxes on hard, soft and medium beverages effective immediately. Everything from champagne to sarsaparilla and soda fountain syrups is hit by the new tax.

Drinking costs arose about 25 per cent. Smoking may also be more costly within 30 days when added taxes on tobaccos, cigars and cigarettes are clamped down, ranging from \$1 to \$7 a thousand on cigars and from 80c to \$1.20 a thousand on cigarettes. Even snuff users will suffer.

On November 1 also the tax on freight and express packages 1 cent for each 2 cents charged becomes effective, together with a 10 cent levy on the comforts of berths, seats and on state rooms or parlor cars. Every telephone, telegraph or wireless message costing more than 15 cents after November 1 will bear a five-cent tax, and taxes of 8 cents on each \$100 of life insurance and 1 cent on each dollar of fire insurance also begins.

With a tax on "movies and legitimate" theatres after November 1 of one cent on each 10 cents admission charged, the cost of "looking them over" either on the screen or in the "pony" row promises to mount. The usual new year outbreak will be more expensive with a new tax on table reservation. It will cost a tax toll equivalent to 10 per cent of the due to join a club after November 1.

Stamp taxes on bonds, promissory notes, bills of sale, and playing cards becomes effective December 1, as does the one cent tax on parcel post packages cost 25 cents or more.

The additional one cent on letters additional second class postage is not effective until July 1, 1918.

Automobile owning, with a tax of 3 per cent, on the sale price, becomes more costly immediately. Also such beautifiers as jewelry and cosmetics and reliefs in the form of pills, patent medicines and chewing gum are hit also.

Snorting goods, motor boats, estates, inheritances, incomes, war profits and other luxuries of the wealthy are taxable immediately.

Here are some things upon which the average citizen will pay taxes from time to time under the new war tax bill.

Approximately 2 per cent increase on incomes of \$5,000 or less.

Letter postage, except local letters, increased to 3 cents and postcards to 2 cents beginning November 3.

One cent for each 10 cents paid for admission to amusements. Five cent shows and 10 cent outdoor amusement parks exempted.

Ten per cent on all club dues at \$12 a year or over.

One cent for each 25 cents paid for parcel post.

One cent on each two cents express package charge.

Three per cent on all freight charges.

Eight per cent of passenger fares by rail or water, except trips of less than 30 miles.

Ten per cent of charges for seats, berths and state rooms on parlor cars or vessels.

Five cents on each telegraph, telephone or radio message costing 15 cents or more.

Three per cent on jewelry.

Three per cent on checker boards and all kinds of games.

Two per cent on perfumes, toilet water, toilet soaps, etc.

Two per cent on chewing gum.

One cent on each dollar of premium for fire and casualty insurance.

Three per cent on on graphophone records.

Eight cents on each \$100 life insurance.

The tax on whiskey is increased from \$1.10 a gallon to \$3.20. The tax on beer is increased from \$1 a barrel to \$2.75.

**FARMOGRAPHS**

**Let Every Farmer Sow Wheat to Make His Flour and Save His Flour Money.**

Treat seed wheat for smut. Formaldehyde 2 ounces to 5 gallons of water sprinkled on the wheat and allowed to remain in a bag covered after rubbing the wheat together long enough to be sure that every grain is moistened with the formaldehyde will free your next years crop of the loss by smut. This is very important. Two hours in the pile is long enough for it to remain, when it ought to be spread again to dry before it swells. If it should swell, allow for this in sowing by putting more to the acre. After treating the wheat for smut, treat the bags which contained it before treatment, or else but the treated wheat in perfectly clean bags to prevent reinfection with the smut spores.

Don't let the high price of tobacco lure you away from doing the right thing in sowing wheat, oats and rye. The prices for tobacco can never be high enough to take the place of these. You must eat next year. So must your stock. If you have none of these made on your farm, your tobacco money, as big as it looks, will not purchase these and

meet your other expenses.

Every single man who expects to crop next year ought to sow rye as a cover crop to be turned under for soil building after saving plenty for seed.

Fertilizer will be high priced; and rye turned for all next year's crops will make the fertilizer count for very much more in production; besides, it will save the washing away of the soil you expect to make your crop.

Lime must become a sure part of farmer's investment for crop production in this county before best—I might say good crops will be returned for the labor on the soil. Use lime right and your labor will return from 20 per cent up more for your labor every year.

I would urge every farmer to visit and study the Oxford Orphanage farm. Lime and phosphate are the sheet anchor on that farm. Mr. Brown, the manager does not use these as he does because he has money to bury in the soil, but because he needs profits to come out of the soil. That is what every farmer wants. Then let him use lime and phosphates, plow deep, and turn back to the soil some of the greater crops he will be making.

Do your best to keep your sweet potatoes throughout the winter. Handle them as gently as oranges. Dry them thoroughly before piling them. Don't let them chill below 45 degrees Fahrenheit, nor let them get too warm, or they will quickly soft rot.

Sow rape, rye and clover for the hogs. Be careful in feeding cottonseed meal to hogs. It is alright to feed them one-third of their grain rations of cottonseed meal for a time not longer than three weeks. Then danger begins. Some have fed longer without bad results, but danger begins. Remember this.

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**PEACE 100 YEARS AGO**

**Features of the Memorable Gathering at the Court of Francis.**

The only peace congress comparable to the one that will follow this war, in the number of nations and great and conflicting interests involved, was that which met in Vienna following the defeat of Napoleon and his banishment to Elba. It is interesting, in the light of what must come, to recall some of the features of that memorable gathering at the court of Francis, in the Austrian capital.

For weeks the delegates did little but indulge in a succession of festivities. The Austrian people were

ruined, yet the Austrian Emperor spent vast sums in the entertainment of his guests. Ludwig von Beethoven presented several new compositions during this period, and assisted in the great Mass which solemnized the anniversary of the execution of Louis XVI. Prince Metternich presided at the councils, but Talleyrand was the leading spirit of the congress called to remodel the map of Europe.

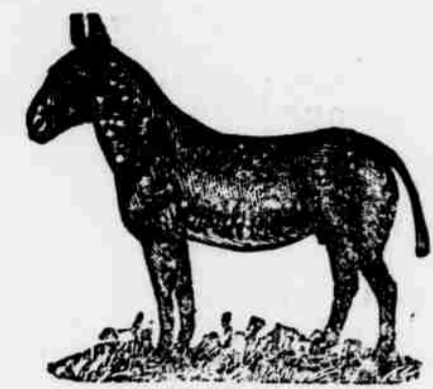
"It resembled a market of mankind," says Drury. "The commission charged with dividing up the human herd among the kings was greatly troubled by the exigencies of Prussia, which demanded 3,400,000 additional subjects as an indemnity. The congress even discussed the quality of human merchandise and gravely recognized the fact that a farmer Frenchman of Aix-la-Chapelle or Cologne was worth more than a Pole." All the nations gained considerable acquisitions of territory, save England, which asked for nothing on the continent, but gained the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon and other colonies.



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