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## THE WAR REVENUE BILL IS UPPERMOST TOPIC OF THE DAY REGISTRATION DAY WILL BE MADE GREAT PATRIOTIC EVENT

### CONFEREES REACH AGREEMENT ON ARMY BILL; ROOSEVELT AMENDMENT IS ELIMINATED IN BILL

Conferees Made The Age Limit 21 to 30 Years and The Bill Will be Passed—Compromise on the Age Limit and Roosevelt Amendment Elimination the Features of the Agreement as It Now Must be Adopted.

Washington, May 10.—Conferees on the war army bill reached an agreement today and the measure will be reported back to the two houses for confirmation as soon as possible.

The so-called Roosevelt amendment, put in by the Senate to permit the Colonel to raise four divisions for service in France, was eliminated from the bill, as was that authorizing the raising of three regiments for border patrol duty.

The conferees made the age limit of those subject to draft 21 to 30 years inclusive, in place of 21 to 27 years, the limit in the Senate bill, and 21 to 40 years in the House measure.

The Senate amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor at army camps and otherwise safeguarding the morals of the troops was retained.

The general staff officers were much pleased at the agreement of the conferees and the total elimination of the volunteer system from the new armies.

While they preferred the narrow age limit in the Senate bill because it would yield on the whole a younger lot of men, they were satisfied with the retention of the House provisions which contended for an age limit as far as 40.

Senator France of Maryland believing the bill defective because of the limited range of ages introduced a separate resolution to empower the President to enroll all men between the ages of 18 and 45 for national defense simultaneously with the selective conscription.

Washington, May 10.—Protests against the many provisions of the proposed war tax bill poured into day on Congress by mail and by wire as the opening session began to consider the measure. The senate finance committee expects to conduct a public hearing and those who desire to will be heard. It is expected in this that those who are hard hit by the bill will be on hand.

The bill will raise the per capita attack of the American people to \$33.

Washington, May 9.—The war tax bill extending its excises to the fabric of every American home was formally presented to the house today by the ways and means committee with plans for quick passage.

It proposes special taxes to raise \$1,800,000,000 in addition to the present normal annual revenue of \$1,500,000,000. When its terms are effective the American people will be paying direct taxes of \$33 per capita. The people of the British Isles—half as many—now pay per capita taxes of \$60.

While the principal features of the new war levy are increases in income and profits taxes, internal revenue rates and customs duties, many of its provisions reach the innermost structure of every American home and make up a list of taxes, probably the most formidable ever faced by the American people.

The committee estimated the war expenditures for the remainder of this and the whole of the next fiscal year at about \$3,800,000,000, exclusive of the bond issue to finance the foreign loan.

The new war tax bill was ready for Congress today. It proposes probably the most extensive line of taxation ever faced by the American people.

Doubling of normal income tax rates, with reduction of exemptions and increases of surtaxes on great incomes; absolute elimination of all articles on the tariff free list, with the imposition of a minimum duty of 10 per cent and a horizontal increase of 10 per cent on all taxable imports, together with increases of taxes on internal revenue and new taxes which reach to the remote departments of business and household life, are proposed to make up a yearly income of \$1,800,000,000.

Big Postage Increases.

Increases on postage rates include

newspapers, which it is proposed to assess on parcel post zone system, are new features of the tax program. Publishers who are hurrying to Washington, and some of those who conferred today with the ways and means committee members, said that such a line of taxation as is proposed to put upon them practically will force many out of business. Mailing charges for papers of average circulation it was said would be increased many thousands of dollars yearly.

One draft of the bill proposed to impose a tax of 5 per cent on receipts from advertising, but as finally prepared for the House this tax was made not to apply to newspapers and periodicals.

The new taxes include levies on life and fire insurance, on household electric light bills, telephone bills, railroad tickets, admissions to amusements, club dues, automobiles, pleasure boats, jewelry, and practically everything that enters into the life of the average family.

Changes Made in Bill.

In an effort to spread the taxation over the business life as well as the social life of the nation, new taxes are proposed on corporations, on excess profits and other elements of commerce.

The ways and means committee spent the forenoon today making some changes in the bill. Among these was the adoption of the consumption tax of 1 cent a pound on coffee and 2 cents a pound on tea.

The tea and coffee tax amendment follows:

"That upon all coffee or tea heretofore imported into the United States which are held on May 10, 1917, or any day between such date and the day succeeding the day this act is passed, by any persons, corporation, partnership or association, except a retailer, who does not sell coffee or tea at wholesale, and intended for sale, there shall be levied a tax of 1 cent per pound for coffee and of 2 cents per pound for tea."

Other amendments to the bill were mainly changes in verbiage.

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Havana, Cuba, May 10.—An attempt was made last night to assassinate President Menocal of Cuba by means of bomb explosions. Nine arrests were made before the conspirators could carry out their plans.

Seattle shipyard is reported to have built a wooden freighter recently at a cost of \$200,000, and to have sold it the day before it was launched for \$350,000.

### REGISTRATION WILL BE PATRIOTIC EVENT.

Washington, May 10.—Many States are preparing to make registration day for the new army and navy the occasion of speech making and patriotic demonstrations, according to advices coming to the war department.

"The men who will register in accordance with the provisions of the new law will find the regulations easy," says the war department statement.

"The questions and answers are comparatively few. There will be—

- The name in full;
- Age in years;
- The home address;
- The date of birth;
- The quality of citizenship, whether native born, naturalized or the intention;
- The place of birth;
- Trade, occupation or office;
- Employed by whom;
- Dependents;
- Married or single;
- Race;
- Former military service and where rendered;
- and last claims for exemption from draft and the grounds on which based."

### KING FERDINAND SETS EXAMPLE FOR SUBJECTS.

Give His Land to Peasants and Promote Their Large Participation in Public Affairs.

Jassy, Rumania, May 10.—King Ferdinand told the Rumanian soldiers during a recent inspection that they are all to participate in grants of lands and to have greater political rights. The King is himself giving the example by distributing his own land to the peasants.

"This land," said the King, "will be given to you and I, your King, will be the first to set an example in making the gift. You will, moreover, be granted large participation in the conduct of public affairs."

The King's speech has caused general satisfaction throughout the country half of which is now under German domination.

### TROUBLE OVER GERMAN CAMP

Dispute Over Property Rights Delays Sending of Interned Germans to Western North Carolina—Official to Come to This State Tomorrow.

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### FIREMAN KILLED NEAR JUNALUSKA IN WRECK

Three Other Trainmen Injured When Bull Causes Two Freight Engines to Jump Track at Junaluska.

Asheville, May 10.—Lloyd K. Bullock, a young fireman on the Southern Railway, died shortly after receiving injuries when his engine was derailed and overturned on the Murphy branch near Junaluska yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock.

Two engines drawing a heavy freight train, eastbound, were wrecked, when a bull butted into the forward locomotive, being drawn under the wheels and derailing the two engines and several freight cars. Bullock, who lived at 301 Southside avenue, was internally injured and one of his legs was crushed. He died a few minutes after being taken from the wreckage. He was on the second engine, and A. E. Enloe, the engineer, and his first cousin was uninjured.

Engineer C. Burke and Fireman O. H. Bradshaw, both of Asheville, the members of the crew of the leading engine, were slightly injured and were taken to the Mission hospital. Their condition was reported as favorable last night.

The east bound passenger train No. 20, followed close behind the wrecked freight and Thomas S. Rollins, who was aboard, took care of the injured men. Enloe lived for only about a half hour after the wreck. The wreck was badly torn up at the point of derailment, but passengers were not delayed, as the train was enabled to go past the wrecked engine and train.

The young man who was killed was a cousin of Engineer O. H. Bradshaw, who met his death at Blittmore about a year ago, when three runaway freight cars crashed into his work engine. It was stated yesterday by officials of the railroad that the train was proceeding at a rate of speed no higher than twelve miles an hour when the derailment occurred.

### CLASSIS IN SESSION AT FAITH CHURCH

Reformed Classis in Session at Salisbury Church Opening Sermon Being Preached by Rev. L. A. Peeler and Election of Officers Followed.

The Classis of the Reformed church in North Carolina is in session with Faith church of this city, the opening session being that of Wednesday evening when Rev. L. A. Peeler, of LeNoir, preached the opening sermon. This was followed by the administering of the Holy Communion and then came the organization for business.

Rev. D. C. Cox was elected president of the Classis and Elder A. A. Blackwelder was named as the vice-president. Mr. G. E. Platt was made corresponding secretary and Mr. W. C. Lyerly was made reading clerk.

This morning the Classis took up the routine business which lay before it and spent the morning in a business session. The morning session will begin at 9 o'clock and continue through till 5 in the evening with the necessary noon recess announced as to time each day.

Tonight at 8 o'clock there will be the regular evening session and education will be featured. The necessity of a strong institution of learning, and the support of Catawba college at Newton will be discussed. Revs. J. A. Palmer and J. D. Andrews will talk on this important matter.

Friday will be given over largely to missions, the Home and Foreign Field coming in for discussion. Home mission will be led by Dr. H. A. M. Holshouser and Foreign Mission will be handled by Rev. H. A. Welker.

### ACQUITTED FOR MURDER OF CAPTAIN SPRATLING.

Macon, Ga., May 9.—Mrs. Mattie May Adams of Atlanta, was acquitted by a jury in Superior court here tonight of the murder of Captain E. J. Spratling of the Fifth regiment, Georgia National Guard, whom she came to Macon and shot to death at the Georgia mobilization camp last August. The jury was out two hours.

Mrs. Adams asserted that Captain Spratling, a physician in private life, had taken advantage of her.

### ARGENTINE SHIP SUNK.

Sailing Vessel Destroyed by a German Submarine and Newspapers Demand That the Government Take Immediate Action.

(By Associated Press.)

Buenos Aires, May 10.—Newspapers declare the government has positive information that the Argentine sailing ship, Briana, has been sunk by a German submarine. The papers say the incident is graver than the Mont Perotegido and demand that the government take immediate action.

### RUSSIANS ANXIOUS TO AVOID ALL DISPUTES.

Odessa, May 10.—All the authorities here are now working under the supervision of representatives of the Committee of Parliamentary and National Freedom. This committee has issued a manifesto urging the co-operation of all parties in an effort to avoid disputes. As perfect quiet prevails there is every indication that the new regime is working satisfactorily here.

### JOSEPH B. FOREAKER DIES AT HIS CINCINNATI HOME

One Time National Figure and Dominator of Ohio Politics Dies at the Age of 77 Years—Twice Placed McKinley in Nomination.

(By Associated Press.)

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 10.—Joseph Benson Foreaker, former United States Senator from Ohio, died at his home here today at the age of 77 years. He had been in poor health since his retirement from the Senate in 1909.

Mr. Foreaker was twice elected and twice defeated for Governor of Ohio, while he served two terms in the United States Senate from 1897 to 1909. He presented the name of William McKinley to the Republican convention in 1896 and 1900.

### TELEPHONES ARE OUSTING TELEGRAPH

Southern Road is Displacing the Telegraph Instrument With the Telephone on Line Between Washington and Atlanta—In Use Now Between Spencer and Washington.

(Special to The Post.)

Charlotte, May 10.—Displacing the telegraph, the telephone is to be used for dispatching trains on the entire line of the Southern Railway System between Washington and Atlanta, 649 miles.

Between Washington and Spencer, the telephone is to be used and dispatching has been given for the construction of two copper telephone circuits between Washington and Atlanta, 314 miles. Ganges will be organized and this work will be performed under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Telegraph at Charlotte.

When this work is completed, the Southern will have continuous train dispatching and message circuits between Washington and Atlanta and these two circuits will also provide a third or phantom circuit for talking purposes and a simplex telegraph circuit between the offices at Washington, Atlanta, Charlotte, and important divisions and junction points, such as Monroe, Va., Greensboro, N. C., Spencer, N. C., Hayne, S. C., and Greenville, S. C.

The telephone has several advantages over the telegraph. Service is quicker and it is easier to guard against errors. The dispatcher writes the order as he sends it, spelling out all figures such as train numbers, engine numbers, and time. The receiver writes the message as he receives it and then repeats it to the dispatcher, spelling out all figures. The telephone brings the sender and receiver into close touch and the dispatcher, should occasion arise, can talk personally to the conductor or engineer of any train on his division.

### SON OF SECRETARY OF TREASURY READY FOR WAR



WILLIAM G. McADOO, JR., Son of the Secretary of the Treasury, is here shown in his uniform of the New York Naval Reserve, ready for war.

### ADDITIONAL MEN WANTED FOR ENLISTMENT 4TH CO.

A Number of Men Will Be Discharged and Others are Needed to Take Their Places—Drill and Examinations Tonight.

All members of the 4th Co. are ordered to attend regular drill tonight and those who have not been examined since they enlisted will be examined tonight. This examination will not be very rigid and can be done in a few minutes. There will be two or more physicians on hand in order to get through early. It is very necessary that every member possible be present.

This company needs a good cook and we will be glad to talk to anyone who can cook and would like to enlist. The pay is \$30,000 per month with all clothes furnished and full expenses. A bill is now before Congress for an increase in pay which if passed will increase enlisted men's pay in any grade. This company will need a good many more men as 20 have made application for discharges, having dependent families to support. These applications with actual conditions have been forwarded to proper authorities for approval. None have been discharged yet but will most likely be by the last of the week and those to be discharged will be notified as soon as action has been taken on applications.

There is now enlisted 94 men who have taken the Federal oath and about half dozen who have not taken the oath but most likely will at an early date. A letter from the Adjutant General this morning asks that these men be requested to take oath at once. Let your slogan be 109 qualified men for 4th Co. before we quit recruiting.

D. E. MURPH.

### BRITISH NOW CONSIDERING A MINISTER OF HEALTH.

London, May 10.—The British Government is understood to be seriously considering the establishment of a Ministry of Health. This ministry, it is stated, would have charge of sanitation, housing, sickness insurance, and similar matters that would logically fall under its jurisdiction.

Salisbury friends of Kissar Shaheen Zgaib, of Lynchburg, Va., a Syrian, have received notice of his death on the Mexican border. Zgaib was a member of the 12th Regiment, U. S. Regulars, and served with the Philippine Scouts, having re-enlisted recently at Fort Pierce. He was buried at Lynchburg with military honors.

### LITTLE NEWS TODAY FROM WEST FRONT

British and French Make No New General Attack But Are Pushing Forward.

GERMANS AT CRAYONNE REPULSED IN ATTACK

Haig's Nippers at Bullicourt are Being Tightened and Germans Pushed Back Near Lens.

(By Associated Press.)

Today's official reports throw little light on the situation around Fresnoy. The heaviest fighting for the past week reveals important gains for the British and the French at other fronts.

London announces British progress south of Souchez river which means a further pushing back of the German lines immediately south of Lens and the tightening of the nippers which the British are applying to this important industrial and coal district.

Further inroads also have been made on the German position at Bullicourt on the Hindenburg line where the Germans are reported to be about surrounded, but clinging desperately to their hold on the town.

Far to the south on the British line south of St. Quentin General Haig's troops are pushing forward.

The French like the British have made no new general attacks, but they are delivering thrusts here and there and preparing the ground for the next push. One of the local operations carried out last night was the repulsing of the German counter attack at Crayonne. A fortified position north of Chereaux was captured.

The enormous concentration of German divisions on the British front and the repulsing of a powerful attack added significance to reports that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is withdrawing both men and artillery from the eastern area.

Disorganization of the Russian army has apparently had a very serious effect on the whole allied situation and has materially increased the burdens imposed on the British and French.

The news from Russia is far from reassuring in any respect and apparently the provisional government is still in a precarious position.

There are no marked developments in the other war theatres.

Fluctuating Fight in Progress.

Berlin via London, May 10.—A fluctuating fight for possession of Bullicourt on the French front is in progress, says today's army headquarters statement. The artillery fire in the Arras sector is reported on the increase.

German Destroyers Chased.

Washington, May 10.—A British force of light cruiser destroyers today chased 11 German destroyers and engaged them at long range but were unable to overtake them, says an official statement this afternoon.

May Have Been Merchant Crews.

Washington, May 10.—The 127 Americans still held prisoners in Germany are probably those captured on armed merchantmen, it was revealed at the State Department today. It is assumed the men were brought to Germany by raiders operating in the South Atlantic.

### LIBERIA BREAKS WITH GERMANY.

Little African Country Government Breaks Off With the Kaiser's Government—Importance Attached to This Move.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 10.—Liberia's decision to sever relations with Germany was officially reported today by the American minister there.

Considerable importance is attached to this step as Liberia is the landing point of many cables and has been used for some time by German residents as a base against the British. Recently the Liberian authorities suppressed this practice.

### TERRIBLE ACT OF AN INSANE MAN.

Elkton, Ky., May 10.—Frank Miller, a prominent young farmer, aged 34 years, insane it is supposed from brooding over ill health, this morning killed his father, Charles Miller, his mother, and brother Elmo and the latter's wife, a bride of three months. Miller then ended his own life by hanging and shooting himself at the family home three miles from this place.



Generally fair tonight and Friday, with little change in temperature.