

## SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED TAX LAW

### The Recommendations of Sub-Committee for Raising War Funds.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—Carrying taxes aggregating about \$1,300,000,000 and leaving open for later decision other taxes which will total probably \$100,000,000 more, the War revenue bill as drafted by a sub-committee is being considered by the full Ways and Means Committee of the House.

The following is a summary of the proposed bill:

Income tax increases estimated to bring in about \$450,000,000, based on the following changes in the present law: Reduction of exemption to single men to \$1,000 and of married men to \$2,000, and a normal 2 per cent. tax; at 4 per cent tax on all incomes above \$5,000; an increased surtax on incomes over \$20,000 reaching 30 per cent. on incomes of \$1,000,000 or more.

Excess profits tax of 16 per cent of all profits in excess of 8 per cent and \$5,000, estimated to produce approximately \$300,000,000.

Miscellaneous stamp taxes on negotiable instruments of all sorts except bank checks and drafts, to bring \$51,600,000.

Will Make Liquor Interests Pay Many Millions.

Passenger transportation tax of 10 per cent. of the value of the ticket, to bring approximately \$80,000,000. This is a radical increase over the recommendation of the Treasury Department, which was for a tax of 4 per cent.

Freight transportation tax of probably 3 per cent. of the value of freight bills, to produce \$70,000,000. This is a reduction from the Treasury recommendation, which was for a 4 per cent tax.

Increase of tax on whiskey to \$2.00 a gallon to bring \$73,000,000. It is understood that there might be some slight change in this tax.

Tax on rectified spirits of 25 cents a gallon to bring \$12,500,000.

Increase on fermented liquors tax

to \$2.50 a barrel to bring \$30,000,000.

Increased tax on cigars to bring \$10,000,000. This tax has been graded so that the highest class cigars will pay \$6 a thousand and lower priced cigars less. This graduation is a modification of the Treasury Department recommendation, which was for a straight tax of \$6 a thousand.

Tax of 5 per cent on automobiles at the factory to bring \$75,000,000.

Increased tax on cigarettes to \$2.50 a thousand to bring \$17,000,000.

Increased tax on manufactured tobacco to 16 cents a pound to bring \$25,000,000.

New tax on wholesale tobacco dealers and jobbers of \$25 a year to bring \$2,500,000.

New tax on retail tobacco dealers of \$6 a year to bring \$4,850,000.

Increase in wine tax to double the present rates with slight modifications to bring \$6,500,000.

Baseball, Theatres and Other Amusements Hit, Too.

Tax on musical instruments, graphophones, piano players, etc., of 5 per cent to bring \$7,000,000.

Stamp boxes on theatre, baseball and other amusement tickets of 10 per cent to bring \$75,000,000.

Increase postal rates to 3 cents for first-class mail, and installation of the zone system on second class mail, to bring \$60,000,000.

In addition to these items, the soft drinks tax and the proposed tax on refined petroleum, including gasoline, has been left without recommendation, to be decided by the committee.

It can be definitely stated that the following proposals of the Treasury Department have been definitely rejected by the sub-committee, although it is possible that some of them may be adopted by the full committee:

To make the excess profits and income taxes retroactive.

To increase present duties and levy new duties on imports.

Consumption taxes on coffee, tea, and sugar.

Taxes on glucose and denatured alcohol.

License tax on automobiles.

The prodigal son had just sneaked in the back way, between two days. "Owing to the greediness of the Beef Trust," explained the old man, "we are entirely out of fattened calf, but here's a can-opener. Get busy."—Indianapolis Star.

## DR. LYMAN ABBOTT STRONG FOR SUNDAY

### Noted Preacher And Editor Says Billy is Human and a Christian.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The oft-repeated and obvious fact that Billy Sunday draws all kinds of people to his tabernacle was never better illustrated than in the presence of two men who attended last night's service. One of them was a worn little man, unsteady of feet if not of voice, and filled with—enthusiasm, among other things. The other man was the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of The Outlook, a distinguished Congregationalist divine and long opposed to Billy Sunday's methods. And at the end of the service the worn little man "bit the sawdust trail" and Dr. Abbott declared himself in favor of the spectacular evangelist.

Dr. Abbott sat with the newspaper man at Billy's right and was an intent listener throughout the sermon, the gist of which was praise for the preachers who aren't afraid to hit the influential sinners with the fat pocket-books who sit in the front pews. When the sermon was ended Dr. Abbott said:

"Mr. Sunday is so human and so Christian in the great central drive for Christianity that no one should object to the way he does things. He doesn't use theological platitudes that mean nothing to the masses, but he illustrates everything he has to say and thus reaches the understanding of every one."

The incident of the worn little man is quite different. He, too, on a side bench had been an eager listener to Billy's preaching. He had even leaned so far forward to hear the evangelist's ringing periods that with less faith in himself he might have toppled from his seat. And when the call to trail-hitters went ringing from Billy's lips, the worn little man was among the first to start for the platform.

A Little Unsteady, But Still He'll Stick

He came down the trail with steps that were less certain than his determination. He had his hand out-

stretched for Billy's long before he reached the evangelist, and as their hands met he cried in a voice that sounded above the singing of the choir:

"Bill, I'm going to stick!"

Billy Sunday, leaning far out from his well, seemed to tighten his hand, as he answered:

"Good for you! You'll come out all right, old man!"

The worn little man still clung to Billy's hand, although the other trail hitters were pressing upon them. He seemed not to want to let go of it, and finally one of the guides who form the line as it approaches the preacher had to turn him aside and thus break the grip.

As the convert was only the sixth in the line he got a seat on the bench directly in front of Billy Sunday, and no sooner was he there than he started forward again for another handshake. The ushers pushed him gently back into the seat and he straightened up and waved his hand at Billy.

"Say, Bill, I'm going to try to stick!" he called again, with a determined nod of his head, and Billy, looking up from those who were grasping his left hand, waved his right one in approving answer.

The little man seemed all afire with enthusiasm and was not contented to remain quiet until another man, one who had hit the trail just then for the third time, came up and took a seat beside him, and laid a hand upon his knee. This newcomer was well shaven and tidily dressed last night—very different both in appearance and demeanor from what he was last Friday night when he heard Billy and himself hitched unsteadily forward to hit the trail for better things.

Gives His Sermon a Patriotic Turn

And when the little Testaments had been distributed to the trail-hitters by the corps of ushers, when the names of the new adherents of the evangelist had been taken down, when the trail-hitters were moving out of the Tabernacle in the wake of the departing Sunday party, the third-time trail hitter and the worn little man still sat on the front bench talking. In a moment they got up, linked arms and went out with the rest. At the door the worn little man turned back for a last glance toward the place at which he had taken the evangelist's hand.

Billy Sunday's sermon last night was not without its patriotism. As

soon as he took the platform he recalled to the audience that the day was the nineteenth anniversary of the Battle of Manila Bay, and forthwith he had the choir sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The roar of applause which greeted the reference was slight compared to what thundered out when Billy said, in following up the assertion that men without tempers were nonentities and that all the prophets of old carried big sticks.

"If Theodore Roosevelt wants to take an army to France let him do it."

When the applause died he revived it instantly by adding:

"I'd like to go with him just to black his boots!"

A third time the Americanism of his hearers was aroused to prolonged handclapping when Billy declared against press-gagging.

"Oh, Washington, don't try to put fetters on the press," he pleaded, "don't make the bill they made in Germany, France and England. Americans must always know where they're going. Don't put blinders on us. Just let us know what we're doing and we'll go to the last ditch."

Stealing "Bloody Bridles" Waite's Stuff

The evangelist became decidedly sanguinary when he raised his voice against the lowering of the American Sabbath.

"We'll swim our horses in blood to the bridles before we'll allow that!" he cried.

"We want our open Bible and our Sabbath, and woe to the gang that tries to take the Bible out of the public schools."

A great burst of merriment went up from the assemblage when a delegation from a Manhattan laundry with a band at its head—one of the many delegations which helped to fill the Tabernacle benches last night—answered a request for its favorite hymn by replying "No. 274." The audience turned at once to its hymnals to learn the laundry workers' choice—and it was "Whiter Than Snow."

The bad weather of yesterday kept many persons from the Tabernacle in the afternoon, but the attendance at night was almost up to the mark. Billy's call for trail hitters was dramatically done. He began with the story of the warriors of King Robert Bruce bearing the heart of their monarch to place it in Christ's tomb, as he had wished. When sore beset

## ESCAPES; WEDS ON BURGLARY PROCEEDS

### Weird Tale of Man Who Skipped From Sing Sing and Married a Good Woman.

NEW YORK, May 5.—A weird tale of escape from Sing Sing, successful burglary, marriage to a good woman who did not know his past, and final downfall, was revealed here after the capture of Elmer Schultz, who took French leave of the big penitentiary up the river on September 11 last.

Incidentally, the story proves a veteran convict can be a model husband, even if a bad recruit for the United States navy.

Detective Fishel seized Schultz in a pawnshop here and said:

"Come on down to headquarters. The boss wants to visit with you."

"Now ain't that too bad?" observed Schultz. "And me only married just a month. This'll be a knockout for the madam."

He went quietly to headquarters. There he said he "might as well tell all about it."

"The gateway job was easy," he said. "I hid in the condenser room, stuffed the siren whistle with rags, shinned over the wall when I saw the way clear and dropped in to the river. I swam three-quarters of a mile to a safe landing place and then hit the rails south."

"I'd walked twenty-two miles to Hastings, when I bumped into a copper. 'Hey, where you going, all wet in battle by the Moors, Lord Douglas threw the golden casket containing the heart into the thick of the fight and spurred his comrades in arms to greater effort by crying 'Lead on, O heart of Robert Bruce, and we'll follow!'"

"And I," cried Billy, springing to the edge of his platform, "I hurl into your ranks the Cross of Jesus Christ and cry 'Lead on, we'll follow to the last ditch!' Now, who'll follow; who'll come down here and say he'll follow?"

The trail hitters who responded numbered 829, and these, with those of the afternoon, made a day's total of 1,036.

like that?" he says to me. 'Oh, my boat tipped over and I'm going home.' I says, and he goes on about his business."

"Knowing I'd need some spare change, I went into a house and took \$500. I blew in the money in New York and then sold the junk. It didn't take long to go broke again."

"Being broke, I enlisted in the navy under the name of J. Ford, but I didn't stay long. The work didn't suit me, and I beat it at the end of two weeks. They got after me hot foot for deserting, and when they caught me, which was right off the bat, they gave me sixty-three days in the brig."

Schultz said he served just one day of that sentence. Getting out was "like taking candy from a child." Once free, he said, he went back to Hastings where he "turned off" a house for \$350 and several rings. After that he went from place to place, making a good living by his wits.

A week ago, being about to marry and needing cash, he returned to Hastings, where he made a haul of cut glass. He sold this and got enough to pay his wedding expenses.

"Where do you and the madam live when you're at home?" asked Detective Fishel.

"At no. 72 Townsend avenue, Laurel Hill, L. I.," replied Schultz. "If you bulls go over there be easy with the wife."

Captain Herbert Graham went to the address and found Mrs. Schultz, an attractive woman of twenty-one. When she was told that her husband was an escaped convict she became hysterical.

After she had calmed down Mrs. Schultz said she had met Schultz in Manhattan, where she worked in a bakery, and after a rapid-fire courtship he married her April 2. He seemed to have saving habits and they started a bank account. He was kindness itself, she said. The young woman departed, saying she was going to her parents in Manhattan.

Captain Graham found in the room two watches, three rings, two watch chains, three jewelled lavalliers and two bracelets. On Schultz Detective Fishel found a bank book showing a balance of \$125, a ring with three large pearls, a signet ring with the initial "C," a diamond pin and five cartridges.

## STATEMENT CONDITION

# The National Bank of New Berne

AT NEW BERN, N. C., AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1917

## Resources:

LOANS AND INVESTMENTS	\$ 909,794.05
OVERDRAFTS	6,507.66
U. S. BONDS	25,000.00
BANKING HOUSE, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	28,170.64
STOCK IN FEDERAL RESERVE BANK	5,400.00
5 PER CENT. REDEMPTION FUND	1,250.00
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS	119,395.29

TOTAL \$1,095,517.64

## Liabilities:

CAPITAL STOCK	\$ 100,000.00
SURPLUS AND PROFITS	105,583.41
CIRCULATION	24,700.00
BILLS PAYABLE	25,000.00
BILLS RE-DISCOUNTED	71,800.00
DUE TO BANKS	\$ 34,400.56
INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS	\$734,033.67

TOTAL \$1,095,517.64