

SENATE PASSES REVENUE BILL

FINANCE COMMITTEES COMPROMISE PROVISIONS ADOPTED - HIGH TAX ADVOCATES FAIL TO SECURE THEIR AMENDMENTS.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The senate's bitter fight over war profits taxation virtually ended today with adoption of the finance committee's compromise provisions for a total levy of \$1,200,000,000 or about one-third of this year's war and normal excess profits. This is an increase of \$1,000,000,000 over present taxes. The high tax advocates failed to secure adoption of a single amendment.

The vote on adoption of the finance committee's draft was 72 to 7. The seven were Bankhead, Borah, Granna, Johnson, California; LaFollette, Underwood and Vardaman.

Action on the war profits section, the largest revenue producing provision, was taken technically in committee of the whole and is subject to final review later. Today's decisive vote of the high tax element, however, may prevent further efforts along this line and senate leaders say it forecloses defeat for the fight beginning tomorrow for heavier income taxes.

Bill Totals \$2,522,000,000

With adoption of the finance committee's war profits provisions—increased by the committee from \$562,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000, after which the six tax senators began their fight—the bill totals \$2,522,000,000, near which figure it is expected to remain. Many senators, however, predict ultimate elimination of consumption taxes, aggregating \$86,000,000; second class mail increases of \$12,600,000; freight taxes of \$77,500,000, and stamp taxes on parcel post packages estimated to yield about \$8,000,000.

House Provision Stricken Out

As now written into the bill, the war profits section strikes out the house provisions for an additional tax of \$200,000,000 and is a substitute for the present excess profits law now yielding \$226,000,000. The total levy of the new provision is estimated at \$1,200,000,000.

It also extends the tax to ordinary normal peace profits in excess of 10 per cent in addition to excessive war profits, reached by graduated rates, amounting to surtaxes, ranging from 12 to 60 per cent. The excess is based upon the net income above \$5,000 of corporations, partnerships and individuals in trade or business over the average of 1911, 1912 and 1913—the pre-war standard—with a minimum exemption of 6 per cent of actual invested capital and a maximum exemption of 10 per cent.

The graduated rates and their estimated revenue yield follows:

- Twelve per cent. on excess profits up to 15 per cent., \$100,080,000.
- Sixteen per cent. between 16 and 25 per cent., \$16,080,000.
- 20 per cent. between 25 and 50 per cent., \$109,000,000.
- Twenty-five per cent. between 50 and 75 per cent., \$101,000,000.
- Thirty per cent. between 75 and 100 per cent., \$88,200,000.
- Thirty-five per cent. between 100 and 150 per cent., \$120,050,000.
- Forty per cent. between 150 and 200 per cent., \$102,000,000.
- Forty-five per cent. between 200 and 250 per cent., \$84,150,000.
- Fifty per cent. between 250 and 300 per cent., \$72,500,000.
- Sixty per cent. on profits in excess of 300 per cent., \$462,040,000.

SERVICES AT CLEVELAND

Baptists Hold Sunday School and Church at Cleveland, Followed by Dinner.

The Sunday morning religious exercises of the First Baptist church were held at Cleveland last Sunday under the stately oaks on the side of the majestic hill and beside the refreshing spring of sulphur water. It was a great day for the church and Sunday school, the attendance being large and attention close as was manifested by the fact that upon roll call of the Sunday School classes 458 were present. It was orphanage day and a collection of \$38 was received for the children at Thomasville. After the classes were dismissed Lieut. Gov. O. Max Gardner delivered a most inspiring and helpful address on "Service." Prof. J. H. Highsmith led the singing and the pastor Rev. Mr. White delivered an appealing sermon. The piano was transported to Cleveland on a truck. After the services a picture was made of the flourishing church and Sunday school, followed by a bountiful dinner on the ground. A watermelon treat by Superintendent Dover was enjoyed, after which the people were brought home in automobiles.

"Forging ahead to bigger and better things" is my motto. A good motto for you: "I'm going to buy my fall suit, hat and shoes from Evans E. McBrayer.—adv.

'GOD GUIDE AND KEEP YOU,' SAYS PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson Monday Sent Affectionate Message to First Draft Men.

Soldiers of the national army were welcomed into the nation's service Monday by President Wilson with a message of affectionate confidence and a prayer to God to keep and guide them. Everything these young men do the President told them will be watched with the deepest solicitude by the whole country and the eyes of the world will be upon them because they are "in some special sense the soldiers of freedom."

The first soldiers for the army raised under the draft law started from their homes for the training cantonments Wednesday. The President asks them as brothers and comrades in the great war to keep straight and fit by a standard so high that living up to it will add a new laurel to the crown of America.

The message follows: "The White House, Washington. "To the Soldiers of the National Army:

"You are undertaking a great duty. The heart of the whole country is with you. Everything that you do will be watched with the deepest interest and with the deepest solicitude not only by those who are near and dear to you, but the whole nation besides. For this great war draws us all together, makes us comrades and brothers, as all true Americans felt themselves to be when we first made good our national independence. The eyes of all the world will be upon you, because you are in some special sense the soldiers of freedom. Let it be your pride, therefore, to show all men everywhere not only what good soldiers you are, but also what good men you are, keeping yourselves fit and straight in everything and pure and clean through and through. Let us set for ourselves a standard so high that it will be a glory to live up to and then let us live up to it and add a new laurel to the crown of America. My affectionate confidence goes with you in every battle and every test.

"God keep and guide you. "WOODROW WILSON."

DRAFTED MEN HONORED

President and Members of Congress And 26,000 People Participate in Big Parade.

The President and Congress of the United States and the allied nations through their diplomatic representatives, joined Tuesday in paying honor to the men selected from the District of Columbia for service in America's national army raised for the battle for democracy.

Washington, long used to glittering processions, to the blare and noise of inaugurations, opened its eyes and cheered itself hoarse at the spectacle. For two hours, while in other cities throughout the nation other thousands moved over the first part of the long road that may lead to French battlefields, Pennsylvania avenue heard the tramp of marching men, the jingle of spurs and the rumble of artillery.

About 26,000 men, women and children passed a reviewing stand before the White House, where the President and his guests watched the parade. More than half of the long line was in uniform. There were regiments from infantry, cavalry and artillery regiments stationed nearby, marines, men from the officers' training camp at Fort Meyer, and hundreds of army and navy officers attached to the departments here.

Kings Mt. School Opens 17th

From The Herald: The Kings Mountain graded school opens Monday, September 17th. Prof. Orr will be superintendent and Miss Margaret Query of Clover has been engaged as the third teacher in the high school department.

The elementary and intermediate lineup is as follows: Miss Annie Bell Hill, Red Springs, 6th; Miss Lucy Hamrick, Shelby, 5th; Miss Edna Dixon, Fallston, 4th; Miss Bessie Simonton, city, 3rd; Miss Jennie Lee Kerr, Rock Hill, 2nd; Mrs. C. E. McLean, city, 1st; Miss Daisy Lovelace, Mooresboro, 1stA.

Birthday Dinner

There will be a birthday dinner at the home of Carrie Williams on Shelby R-6. The article handed in to The Star for publication does not give the date—the most important part, but everybody is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

"FOR SALE"
50 Bushels Fulghum seed oats, \$1.90 per bushel. One lot of Oliver plows at old prices. One lot of Chattanooga plows at old prices. J. D. Lineberger's Sons.

ELOQUENCE FROM THE FAR EAST

SPECIAL AMBASSADOR FROM JAPAN DELIVERS ELOQUENT MESSAGE FROM HIS COUNTRY TO THE UNITED STATES ON SUBJECT OF WAR.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Japan's message of comradeship and co-operation in the war was delivered to the House today by Viscount Ishii amid hearty applause from a crowded floor and galleries. The special ambassador told the House as he had told the Senate and President Wilson that his country was in the battle against military oppression to stay and welcomed the opportunity to fight beside the United States.

Every reference to friendly relations between America and Japan and to insidious efforts to mar them was warmly received. Speaker Clark, introducing the visitor, said:

"The empire of Japan is our western neighbor. They hold one side of the Pacific and we hold the other, and every right-thinking man in the empire of Japan and the republic of the United States hopes that peace and amity and friendly relations will prevail among these two great powers."

The members of the Japanese mission and Ambassador Sato were entertained at dinner tonight by Assistant Secretary Phillips of the state department.

Message From Far East

Viscount Ishii addressed the House as follows:

"I thank you most sincerely for this gracious reception. I bring a message, borne by us, across an ocean and a continent from the emperor and the people of our beloved island, set in the far eastern Pacific, to the President of the United States and to you, the representatives of the great republic on earth today, a potent factor in the most stupendous, and we must believe, the final struggle for liberty throughout the world.

"Our message reiterates an assurance of unchanged sincerity of friendship well understood by the people of the United States, but it is a message which has never found opportunity such as this for delivery.

"We would not have traveled 10,000 miles merely to repeat what must have sufficiently impressed itself upon you, but that within the last few months a new day has dawned—a day welcomed indeed by us. It follows upon another when, you with magnificent forbearance, endured great wrongs and outrages in the hope that recourse to the sword might be avoided. It was a day in which you bore the pitiless cruelty of the wilful aggression of all human rights—bore it bravely with fortitude until the star of hope vanished and toleration ceased to be a virtue. Then, in the dawn of this day, you arose and threw your mighty forces into the balance against the wrong, in favor of the right.

"In this dawning, the stars and stripes flung across the skies, were entwined with the emblem of the rising sun and so commenced the brightest day. That is why we are here. We come to bring to you the message of our emperor, which gives you assurance of the comradeship and the co-operation of Japan throughout this day. We are here to say that, with the other allies, we heartily welcome the advent of the United States in the fields of France and elsewhere. We recognize the great uplift given to humanity and the promise of a physical victory doubly insured by the most momentous decision you have taken.

To Stand With America

"We bring to you assurance of support, unselfish, without a motive other than the common force that drives us all today. We of Japan face the task seriously and with determination.

"We come to find out how these two nations can best co-ordinate their energies and their resources; how best they can co-operate in the conduct and the winning of this war. We come to say to you that we are proud on this day to stand shoulder to shoulder with the soldiers of America.

"Japan has exerted herself with the spirit of loyalty to her allies, her emperor and to her homes, following the ideals of our national life.

"Treachery from within, indeed at this hour, calls for our attention. While your soldiers leave their families and their homes to fight on the bloodstained fields of France, we must guard our landmarks as you will guard yours against treachery that has found hiding places in our midst and which for the last 10 years, has sown the seeds of discord between us. Let it be a part of our co-operation and co-ordination to protect each other from these forces of evil which lack even the poorest courage of an open enemy.

"Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House of representatives: "We have been climbing a moun-

tain towards the stars by different and sometimes devious pathways, but near the summit, our roads shall join and, together, we shall win into the full sunlight above the clouds. We shall pass safely through the dangerous places. Our blood shall not have been shed, our sacrifices shall not have been made, in vain, for we shall be among the nations of a world living in a brotherhood of peace. Will it not then be a source of intense national pride to each of us, to remember this day which must insure a permanent maintenance of these renewed pledges of comradeship and co-operation?

"I again wish to express my sincere appreciation of the honor you have done us."

Mr. Mull Re-Elected

The County Commissioners acted wisely indeed when they again placed a stamp of approval on the labors of Mr. Cullen Mull, who is in charge of the county home. Mr. Mull may well be classed as a Christian for one who has been in a position to observe his attitude toward the unfortunate classes with whom he has to deal can't help but feel that the spirit which lives in his breast is akin to that which permeates the breast of the Saviour.

Of course, to all brave souls who do and dare there comes faint, inaudible sounds of criticism but they quickly pass like whispering breezes. Head and shoulders above them all stand the towering figure of the man. Some people have said, "Mr. Mull spends too much money in buying shade trees, in planting a rose here and there" but to all such misinformed there is not a word of condemnation—for their minds have not caught the beauty, the deeper sublimity of life. They calculate life in terms of cold and heartless dollars. He sees in such a procedure an opportunity to be of real service to mankind.

Furthermore, those who live near him testify—and this is the criterion of all merit—that he is a good and affectionate neighbor, ready and willing to go at any hour of the night to relieve a suffering mortal; whether he lives in a palace or dwells in a rude hut. No pauper's low undertone goes by unnoticed by Mr. Mull for he takes cognizance of all men's needs and tries to administer to them as best he can.

It is with a feeling of pride and real joy, then, to give him flowers while he lives. His love and sympathy is not "wasted on the desert air" but breathe and speak through humble inmates and through all who know him and have felt his warm handshake and heard his soft voice. B. E. W.

MRS. BEATTY DEAD

Sainted Woman Passes Away at the Age of 77—Widow of Late Monroe A. Beatty.

Mrs. Nancy Beatty, widow of the late Monroe A. Beatty died Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock following a protracted illness. She was 77 years of age and a woman of exemplary qualities, having done much for the comfort of her neighbors and friends. Before marriage she was Nancy Elliott. Her husband died about 4 years ago and a few weeks ago her son, Robert Beatty died at Lawndale, leaving surviving one son, Mr. Ed Beatty who holds a lucrative position at Dillon, S. C. Mrs. D. Webb Hamrick of this place and Mrs. Will Magness of Gainesville, Ga.

Two surviving children were at her bedside when she came to Mrs. Magness who was here a few days ago could not return for the funeral. Rev. Thomas Bateman pastor of the Presbyterian church of which she was a member conducted the funeral Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Webb Hamrick and the interment took place at Sunset cemetery.

Mrs. M. L. Poole of Hildebran, Burke county, fell down the stairway in her home Tuesday night and was killed. She was 76 years old.

Deputy Sheriff Kelly of New Hanover county shot a negro convict who was attempting to escape. The negro died and the coroner's jury held the officer guiltless.

John Beaman was killed at Troy, Montgomery county, by coming in contact with a live wire at the Troy Cross Arm Company. He was employed at the company as carpenter.

W. A. Bivins, editor of the Albemarle Enterprise, has quit the newspaper job to become principal of Greensboro city schools. He formerly taught school. Postmaster J. D. Bivins of Albemarle is the chief owner of the Enterprise.

New ties shirts, hosiery, underwear at Evans E. McBrayer's.—adv.

LIST OF THOSE IN LAST 100 WHO WERE EXCUSED

List of Those Whose Claims for Exemption Were Accepted.

- 2372—James R. Price, Casar, R-1.
- a345—Thomas Jackson, Earl.
- 2084—Yates Lutz, Fallston.
- a1407—Will Ramsaur, Shelby.
- 391—Fred Falls, K. M.
- 1596—Trow O. Wiggins, Lat. R-1.
- b501—John B. Dilling, K. M.
- 113—Noah N. Green, Shelby R-3.
- 1588—Buren Jones, Lat.
- 1971—M. E. Elliott, Belwood R-1.
- 955—Randall R. Nix, Shelby.
- 940—W. Griffin Bridges, Shelby.
- 1156—A. Webb Grant, Shelby.
- 2179—George Martin, Belwood.
- 2375—Vester S. Newton, Casar.
- 567—Robert Beam, K. M.
- 2013—C. C. Johnson, Lawndale.
- 871—Oscar R. Eaker, Waco.
- 2091—George Ledbetter, B. Sprgs.
- 2145—Robert L. Glenn, Fallston.
- 1150—Julius Mull, Shelby.
- 175—Sylvanus Porter, Shelby.
- 1658—Junius P. White, Lat.
- 1521—William B. Burton, K. M.
- 1520—William M. Carroll, K. M. R1
- 1604—Oliver C. McSwain, Shel. R4
- 1291—Vester Queen, Shelby R-2.
- 1260—Grady S. Washburn, Shelby.
- 562—W. W. Parrish, K. M.
- 1929—Thuman Johnson, Lawn: R-1.
- b1191—Virgil A. Hamrick, Shel. R2.
- 1183—Grover C. Hord, Cher. R-2.
- 2222—T. C. Ledford, Lawn, R-4.
- 421—Broadus Henson, K. M.
- 86—Ostace A. Hamrick, B. Sprgs.
- a156—Jonas Huddleston, Shel. R-2.
- 1343—Horace Champion, Shel. R-1
- 1525—Doctor S. Waters, Shel. R-1.
- 1934—M. E. McNeilly, Lawn.
- 2091—George G. Tillman, Lawn. R2
- a—Negroes.
- b—Excused until February 1, 1918.

NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

Items of Interest Gathered From Over the State.

J. W. Allen of Pitt county committed suicide by shooting. Drink. Wife and children.

In High Point Saturday night John Spease was shot and killed by Will Rankin. Both colored. Rankin is in jail.

Logan Vernon, wanted for the murder of Ewell Rippey in Surry county 11 years ago, has been arrested in Oregon.

The 5-months-old baby boy of W. B. Craig, a farmer living near Belmont, Gaston county, choked to death on a piece of bread.

Joe Floyd was found dead beside the railroad tracks at Thomasville. Too much liquor and got in the way of train. Wife and child.

The first bale of new crop cotton, sold at Monroe a few days ago, was not North Carolina cotton. It was grown in Chesterfield county, S. C.

Rev. Mr. Carter, pastor of the Baptist church of Spencer, has resigned. This leaves pastorless four of the five churches in that railroad town.

James Edwards, 16-year-old son of Jacob Edwards of Wilmington, was drowned at Wrightsville Beach Sunday afternoon. Was bathing and got too far out.

Collector Bailey of Raleigh has notified all his deputies that taking a drink of spirits will automatically sever their connection with the government payroll.

Henry Souther, 16-year-old son of James Souther of Lovelace township, Wilkes county, was killed by his team running away last week. He was found dead in the road and the conditions clearly indicated the cause of death.

Gus Lyda, a lineman employed by the telephone company at Hendersonville, was instantly killed when his neck came in contact with a heavily charged wire, as he was working on a terminal pole. He was 29 years old and married.

Mrs. Emmaline More, near 99 years old, was knocked down by a runaway mule, at her home in Union county, and died soon afterward. The mule was pulling a plough when it ran away and struck Mrs. More, who was standing in her yard.

To supply the great demand for typewriters and stenographers in the government service, civil service examinations will be held Saturday, 8th, at a number of places in the State—Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro and Salisbury among others.

William Hicks, aged 21, shot and killed his brother-in-law, Calvin Faison, aged 28, in Wake county. When overtaken by officers several hours later Hicks said that Faison was advancing on him in a threatening manner after he had rebuked him for mistreatment of Mrs. Faison, Hicks' sister.

GERMAN SHIPS SHELL TOWNS

WARSHIPS OPEN FIRE ON RUSSIAN TOWNS NEAR RIGA AS DEFENDERS CONTINUE IN DISORGANIZED RETREAT.

Wednesday's Dispatch: From Riga to the east of Uxkull the Russians continue in full retreat before the Germans, those from the evacuated port and arsenal making their way northeastward along the coast of the Gulf of Riga, and those from Uxkull and vicinity endeavoring to reach the Riga-Pskoff-Petrograd railway line.

Behind them, the Russians left Riga partly aflame as the result of the German shells hurled into the town before they departed, while the smoldering ruins of small villages mark the path over which the other contingents have passed, having been set on fire during the retreat.

Along the eastern coast of the Gulf of Riga, for a distance of about 80 miles north of the evacuated town, German warships are shelling various towns, possibly with the intention of landing troops whose object would be to cut off the retreat of the Riga army or turn its flank, thereby entirely clearing the gulf shore region and giving Prince Leopold of Vavaria a base, possibly at Pernau, whence to operate overland in conjunction with the naval forces toward Reval, Russia's principal port on the Gulf of Finland, in an endeavor to seal up the Russian fleet inside the gulf.

While the Germans were knocking at the gates of Riga from the west and southwest, hurling shells of all calibers and losing gas waves against the town, loyal Russian troops held them back long enough to blow up the fortifications at the mouth of the Divina and raise the bridges over the waterway. To the south where the defection in the ranks of the Russians was apparently greatest, the Germans, according to the Berlin official communication, took some thousands of prisoners and also captured more than 150 guns and large quantities of war material.

In the Austro-Italian theater the intensive infantry fighting of previous days seemingly has given way for the moment to reciprocal artillery duels of great violence. The cessation in the fighting probably is due to a realignment by the Italians of their battle line after their rapid advance all along the front from Tolmino to the sea.

Meanwhile, however, it is reported that a cry of distress has been sent to the Germans by the Austrians. As a result of this appeal it is said that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has sent two Bavarian divisions to the Isonzo front and that the Germans also are hastening guns for the protection of the Hermada heights, the key to Trieste.

Although the infantry activity has come to a pause, the Italians have paid their respects to Pola, Austria's big naval base on the Adriatic, by air. Nine tons of explosives have been dropped on warships in the roadstead, and on military works, causing great damage.

Field Marshal Haig continues to pound the German positions in Flanders with a rain of shells, and another big push against the German lines seems imminent. Unofficial advice says that behind the German lines in West Flanders, from Courtrai throughout, the civilian population has begun an evacuation, realizing the nearness of another British onslaught.

Hail in Catawba

Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock a terrific rain and hailstorm struck Newton, doing considerable damage to the corn crop and other crops. The hailstones were as large as guinea eggs and in some places the ground was covered. The storm lasted about one hour and the rainfall was very heavy. A large number of fruit trees and heavy timber in the Startown section, four miles southwest of Newton were blown down.

"BUSINESS BETTER THAN USUAL"

J. D. Lineberger's Sons report that business is good, better than last year. Their wagon business in August was fine, also their buggy business. Their hardware business is growing steadily, there's so much building going on in town, but in the county lots of building is going on. Houses, barns, etc. This firm has kept their stock right up so it's easy for their customers to get what they want, that is the reason business is so good with J. D. Lineberger's Sons. adv.

You can always find it at Evans E. McBrayer's, if it's good.—adv.