Mellon Reiterates Demand for Slash in High Surtaxes

Secretary of Treasury, in Annual Report to Congress, **Outlines Deficiencies** in 1924 Tax Bill.

Washington, Dec. 4 .- Declaring that the revenue act of 1924 has failed to provide necessary changes in the tax system that will assure national prosperity, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, in his annual report to congress today, recommended a far-reaching program of reform.

While the real fight of the new Coolidge administration for its reorganization of the taxation system is not expected to be launched until the 69th congress, Mellon took occasion to outline to the short session what he considers the dangerous flaws in the

These provisions, said to be "in consistent with economic laws," fol-

Excessive surtax rates. Confiscatory estate tax rates.
 Unworkable gift tax alleged to unduly hamper legitimate business." 4. Publicity provision of law characterized as "a mistake of pol-

icy" and "detrimental to revenue." Although devoting his prinicpal attention to the tax program, Seretary Mellon urged greater economy in government, recommended various fiscal, scribed efforts at reduction of the pub-

Mellon painted an optimistic pic ture of business recovery since the chorus did its work so creditably that "complete disorganization of our it was not outshone by the tenor's economic structure in 1920 and early charming numbers. in 1921." He said that prices have The chorus' singing of a group of been comparatively stable for two or three been comparatively stable for two or three negro melodies, including three years, production has increased "Rockin' Time," "Goin' to Shout," 20 to 25 per cent, employment 8 to 10 and "Swing Low. Sweet Chariot," point in 1921.

Farmer Restored.

culture and other industries has been removed and the farmer is rapidly the economic system," Mellon said.

particularly assailed the 371-2 per cent surtax on large incomes. He stood for a reduction to a point lying between 15 and 25 per cent, on the private business.

dollars a year.

Repeal Publicity Clause.

and trade, saying that the readjust-ment in Europe will put the industry His velvety middle voice was given

revenue act makes tax avoldance in-evitable, according to Mellon. He declared that "immediately upon the re-

Mellon recommended repeal of the publicity clause because he said it companist for Mr. Althouse and the of obtaining revenue, Mellon told con- retiring. grass. Such taxes deprive the states

of certain revenue, according to the ed the opening of the fifth year of secretary, who anticipates that the the chorus' existence. The second of states will present their views to con- the two concerts. One other concert gress. Heavy estate taxes, he added, will be presented in the spring.

-M. F. C. ites and therefore destroy capital.

LABORERS LOOT EMPLOYERS' FARM

Marcus Seik, 808 North Seventeenth he wandered down lower Douglas

and report to him for their pay. When he did not hear from them England, he went to the farm, found the work completed and the men gone.

Further investigation revealed the trinkets had also disappeared. Seik asked police to help him lo cate the three men.

Supreme Court Refuses to Annul Baker Marriage

ecial Dispatch to The Omaha Rec. Lincoln, Dec. 4.-The state supreme court today refused to annul the marriage of Elizabeth Baker to Grover C. Baker. Both were under age at the time they were married. A few robbed of \$41,000. The three men who days after the wedding the bride re- participated in the holdup escaped. turned to the home of her father near Sutton and filed sult to annul the marriage, claiming Baker tricked No Suggestion of New her into marrying him by obtaining license stating that after a license was issued marriage was a necessary legal step.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs:
Name and Address.
Age. Charley G. Gaines, Council Bluffs. 29
Rhuey Gaines, Council Bluffs. 31
Ben H. Southerland, Omaha. 29
Lina Harmon, Omaha. 29 Edwin R. Nesmith, Lincoln, Neb...... William J. Ekstrand, Omaha......

mon Union, Omaha..... Jane Darting, Omaha. Prank Miller, Fort Omaha.

Wales Fosters New Banjuke Craze in London

By GERTRUDE LADY DECIES.

London, Dec. 4 .- A new craze, fostered by the prince of Wales, has hit the young people of London. It is the banjuke, or banjulet party. Everybody is learning to play this ludicrous but amusing instrument. The prince of Wales has a collection of them and is extremely proficient. He is teaching all his friends, including Mrs. Dudley Coates, Lady Louise Mountbatten and Lady Rosslyn, to play it.

You carry the banjuke around with you wherever you go, taking it with you to the theater, restaurant or private dance. The other night the prince, accompanied by half a dozen friends, arrived at the Savoy ballroom, each one with a banjuke over his shoulder fastened with a vivid silken cord.

The winter concert of the Associa tion Male chorus at the Brandeis heater Thursday evening was both a oristening and a coronation. For the first part, the chorus pristened itself the Appollo club, which is the banner it will bear in the future. For the second part, it concerts offered in Omaha this sea

A discreetly varied program by the banking and currency reforms, de chorus and Paul Althouse, the as sisting. artist, was performed lie debt and outlined the status of the throughout with the utmost artistry foreign obligations owed to the United A less able organization, might not have dared to brave comparison with such a singer as Althouse, but the

per cent and bank deposits \$6,000,000. was supremely beautiful, Frank Van 000 to \$8,000,000,000 since the low Gundy, the conductor, has inspired the singers with a most delicate feeling for the subtle touches of ex-"The maladjustment between agri- pression which burnish up these shop-worn themes and make them shine with new beauty. The voices being restored to his proper status in leaped, on occasion, from a barely audible pianissimo to a furious In his tax recommendations Mellon fortissimo with the smoothness and control of a great pipe organ.

"Forest Harps," a bit of Schultz program music, was sung with exquisite tone-color. A symphony or ground that such a tax would yield chestra could not have presented the the government a greater income and picture more delicately. A Dunn numlikewise have a tendency to stimulate ber, "Under the Greenwood Tree," was enticingly sung with a proper in-Mellon reiterated his view that the souciance. A Bach number and Henhigh surtax drives the possessors of schel's "Morning Hymn," were sung high incomes into tax exempt securi. with deep sincerity of expression. ties, at the present time totaling \$13, Gaines' "Salutation" and "Dawn by 284,000,000 and increasing a billion Curran and "Suprise" by Forsyth were performed in the same able

manner, Paul Althouse was beyond price. The secretary urged that a tax In voice, in expression and in personstem be adopted that does not put ality, he was the ideal assisting heavy a handicap upon industry artist. In expression, particularly, he

of those countries, with lower wage a fitting setting in Handel's "Sommt and living standards, on a better basis to compete with the United States. Then, to show the brilliance of The publicity feature of the 1924 upper notes, he sang "Take All of Me." from Stickle's Samoan Song task excellently. .

His one aria, "Che gelida Manina," cent publication of income tax lists was sung with rare delicacy and sinthe newspapers reported a stimula- cerity. His lyrics, which are his favtion in the market for tax exempt se-orites, were like so many jewels in brilliance and color

would result in a decrease in taxes. | chorus, was unusually sympathetic. A change in policy and rates on She won honors by not seeking them. the estate taxes must be adopted if At times, when, the voices were silthe government is to retain this form ent, she may have been even a bit too

The concert Thursday night mark-

STERLING HITS **NEW HIGH POINT**

sterling exchange, which has adstreet, entered police station last night vanced to 4.67 1-2, the highest point to express his distrust of human na reached since last April, is attributed ture. He had been robbed, he said. in financial and exchange circles here Seik owns a farme near Elkhorn. primarily to the growing confidence There was some work to be done, so in the European financial situation, street and hired three men whom he the re-election in the United States met to go to the farm, do the work of President Coolidge, and the election of a conservative government in

It is felt by close observers that the conservative victory has already been esponsible for a slight improvement fact that a horse, two watches, the in the country trade. In addition, the deed to a piece of land and a few recent American loans to Europe, causing funds to be gradually shipped to this side, have aided in the im-

MESSENGERS LOSE \$41,000 IN HOLDUP

San Francisco, Dec. 4.-Three messengers of the Pacific Gas & Electric company were held up in front of the company's office this morning and

Japanese Ambasasdor Washington, Dec. 4 .- No suggestion hat the Japanese government intends o appoint Vice Minister Tsuneo Mat udaira to succeed Masano Hanthara as ambassador to the United States as reported in Tokio newspapers, has Washington government officials.

Foreign governments informally ubmit the names of diplomats to the government to which they are accredited before appointments are announced, but no name has beer submitted here by Tokio.

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WOMEN'S CLUBS TO be considered by representatives of the call sent out today to 5,000,000 the Council of Women for Home STUDENT OFFICER women are the American Association Missions, the Federation of Women's CONFER UPON WAR at a conference to be held at Wash of University Women, the National Boards of Foreign Missions in North Ington, January 18 to 24, it was an League of Women Voters, the Gen. America, and the W. C. T. U. ngton, January 18 to 24, it was an League of Women Voters, the Gen. America, and the W. C. T. U. nounced here today. Mrs. Carrie eral Federation of Women's Clubs, the New Yor, Dec. 4.—The cause of Chapman Catt will preside.

When and means of its prevention will The organizations represented by the national board of the Y. W. C. A., business boosters.

The Bee Want Ads are the best Leavenworth, Kan., Dec 4.-Lieut.

Bee Want Ads produce results. Col. Emery T. Smith, field artillery, a

last August from Boston, where he ENDS OWN LIFE was on duty with the organized reted suicide by hanging this morning.

Directed for The Omaha Bee by Sol Hess

THE NEBBS BYE BABY BUNTING.



YES - HE'S HANDICAPPED A LITTLE ON BOTH SIDES BUT WITH THE RIGHT CARE AND THE PROPER TEACHING AND ENVIRONMENT HE'LL COME THROUGH ALL RIGHT _ A BAB! THAT IS BORN OF WEALTHY GRAND PARENTS THAT CAME FROM NOTHING HAS A TOUGH EXAMPLE BUT OUGHT TO BENEFIT BY IT

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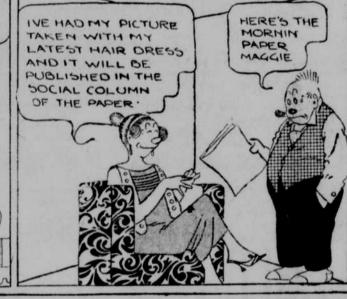






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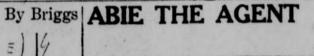




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