

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 recognition 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 1924 law.

These provisions, said to be "inconsistent with economic laws," follow:

1. Excessive surtax rates.
 2. Confiscatory estate tax rates.
 3. Unworkable gift tax alleged to unduly hamper legitimate business.
 4. Publicity provision of law characterized as "a mistake of policy" and "detrimental to revenue."
- Although devoting his principal attention to the tax program, Secretary Mellon urged greater economy in government, recommended various fiscal, banking and currency reforms, described efforts at reduction of the public debt and outlined the status of the foreign obligations owed to the United States.
- Mellon painted an optimistic picture of business recovery since the "complete disorganization of our economic structure in 1920 and early in 1921." He said that prices have been comparatively stable for two or three years, production has increased 20 to 25 per cent, employment 8 to 10 per cent and bank deposits \$8,000,000,000 to \$8,000,000,000 since the low point in 1921.

Farmer Restored.

"The maladjustment between agriculture and other industries has been removed and the farmer is rapidly being restored to his proper status in the economic system," Mellon said.

In his tax recommendations Mellon particularly assailed the 37.12 per cent surtax on large incomes. He stood for a reduction to a point lying between 15 and 25 per cent, on the ground that such a tax would yield the government a greater income and likewise have a tendency to stimulate private business.

Repeat Publicity Clause.

The secretary urged that a tax system be adopted that does not put so heavy a handicap upon industry and trade, saying that the readjustment in Europe will put the industry of those countries, with lower wage and living standards, on a better basis to compete with the United States.

The publicity feature of the 1924 revenue act makes tax avoidance inevitable, according to Mellon. He declared that "immediately upon the recent publication of income tax lists the newspapers reported a stimulation in the market for tax exempt securities."

Mellon recommended repeal of the publicity clause because he said it would result in a decrease in taxes.

A change in policy and rates on the estate taxes must be adopted if the government is to retain this form of obtaining revenue, Mellon told congress. Such taxes deprive the states of certain revenue, according to the secretary, who anticipates that the states will present their views to congress. Heavy estate taxes, he added, reduce the incentive to build up estates and therefore destroy capital.

LABORERS LOOT EMPLOYERS' FARM

Marcus Selk, 808 North Seventeenth street, entered police station last night to express his distrust of human nature. He had been robbed, he said. Selk owns a farm near Elkhorn. There was some work to be done, so he wandered down lower Douglas street and hired three men whom he met to go to the farm, do the work and report to him for their pay.

When he did not hear from them he went to the farm, found the work completed and the men gone.

Further investigation revealed the fact that a horse, two watches, the dead to a piece of land and a few trinkets had also disappeared.

Selk asked police to help him locate the three men.

Supreme Court Refuses to Annul Baker Marriage

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
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 days after the wedding the bride returned to the home of her father near Sutton and filed suit to annul the marriage, claiming Baker tricked her into marrying him by obtaining a 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:
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| Name and Address. | Age. |
| Charley G. Gaines, Council Bluffs. | 29 |
| Elmer H. Southern, Omaha. | 29 |
| Ben H. Southern, Omaha. | 29 |
| Lina Harmon, Omaha. | 29 |
| Ernest Taylor, Omaha. | 21 |
| Ada Bradshaw, Omaha. | 29 |
| George Williams, Omaha. | 25 |
| Minerva Wilson, Omaha. | 29 |
| Edwin B. Nesmith, Lincoln, Neb. | 21 |
| Georgene Peterson, Lincoln, Neb. | 19 |
| William J. Ekstrand, Omaha. | 21 |
| Caroline Carl, Omaha. | 21 |
| Edmond Union, Omaha. | 47 |
| Helen Smith, Omaha. | 46 |
| Harry B. Holmes, Omaha. | 25 |
| John Hartline, Omaha. | 24 |
| Paul A. Carson, Emerson, Ia. | 22 |
| Harold M. Palmer, Omaha, Neb. | 22 |
| Frank Miller, Fort Omaha. | 22 |
| Paul Teskrell, Omaha. | 18 |
| Fred King, Chicago, Ill. | 23 |
| Ira Smith, Los Angeles. | 24 |

Wales Fosters New Banjake Craze in London

By GERTRUDE LADY DECIES, Universal Service Special Correspondent.
London, Dec. 4.—A new craze, fostered by the prince of Wales, has hit the young people of London. It is the banjake, 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 Roslyn, to play it.

You carry the banjake 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 banjake over his shoulder fastened with a vivid stikken cord.

MUSIC

The winter concert of the Association Male chorus at the Brandeis theater Thursday evening was both a christening and a coronation.

For the first part, the chorus christened itself the Appollo club, which is the banner it will bear in the future. For the second part, it crowned itself with real glory by presenting one of the most delightful concerts offered in Omaha this season.

A discreetly varied program by the chorus and Paul Althouse, the assisting artist, was performed throughout with the utmost artistry. A less able organization, might not have dared to brave comparison with such a singer as Althouse, but the chorus did its work so creditably that it was not outshone by the tenor's charming numbers.

The chorus' singing of a group of three negro melodies, including "Rockin' Time," "Goin' to Shout," and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," was supremely beautiful. Frank Van Gundy, the conductor, has inspired the singers with a most delicate feeling for the subtle touches of expression which burnish up these shop-worn themes and make them shine with new beauty. The voices leaped, on occasion, from a barely audible pianissimo to a furious fortissimo with the smoothness and control of a great pipe organ.

"Forest Harps," a bit of Schultze program music, was sung with exquisite tone-color. A symphony orchestra could not have presented the picture more delicately. A Dunn number, "Under the Greenwood Tree," was intently sung with a proper innocence. A Bach number and Henschel's "Morning Hymn" were sung with deep sincerity of expression. Gaines' "Salutation" and "Dawn by Curran" and "Surprise" by Forsyth were performed in the same able manner.

Paul Althouse was beyond price. In voice, in expression and in personality, he was the ideal assisting artist. In expression, particularly, he was a constant joy.

His velvety middle voice was given a fitting setting in Handel's "Sonnet Deu" and Burgmueler's "II Mandolino." Then, to show the brilliance of his upper notes, he sang "Take All of Me," from Stickle's Samoan Song Cycle. He performed the tremendous task excellently.

His one aria, "Che gelida Manina," was sung with rare delicacy and sincerity. His lyrics, which are his favorites, were like so many jewels in brilliance and color.

Ruth Esther Rockwood, the accompanist for Mr. Althouse and the chorus, was unusually sympathetic. She won honors by not seeking them. At times, when the voices were silent, she may have been even a bit too retiring.

The concert Thursday night marked the opening of the fifth year of the chorus' existence. The second of the two concerts. One other concert will be presented in the spring.

—M. F. C.

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STERLING HITS NEW HIGH POINT

London, Dec. 4.—The strength of sterling exchange, which has advanced since last April, is attributed to the financial and exchange circles here primarily to the growing confidence in the European financial situation, as an outgrowth of the Dawes plan, the re-election in the United States of President Coolidge, and the election of a conservative government in England.

It is felt by close observers that the conservative victory has already been responsible for a slight improvement in the country trade. In addition, the recent American loans to Europe, causing funds to be gradually shipped to this side, have aided in the improvement.

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 robbed of \$41,000. The three men who participated in the holdup escaped.

No Suggestion of New Japanese Ambassador

Washington, Dec. 4.—No suggestion that the Japanese government intends to appoint Vice Minister Taneo Matsudaira to succeed Masamichi Hanabara as ambassador to the United States, as reported in Tokyo newspapers, has reached Washington government officials.

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

South Omaha Brevities

William Bergman returned Saturday from Columbus.
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OUR stock of ready-to-wash, dionomide, musical goods and dresses now selling at greatly reduced prices. E. V. 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91-93-95-97-99-101-103-105-107-109-111-113-115-117-119-121-123-125-127-129-131-133-135-137-139-141-143-145-147-149-151-153-155-157-159-161-163-165-167-169-171-173-175-177-179-181-183-185-187-189-191-193-195-197-199-201-203-205-207-209-211-213-215-217-219-221-223-225-227-229-231-233-235-237-239-241-243-245-247-249-251-253-255-257-259-261-263-265-267-269-271-273-275-277-279-281-283-285-287-289-291-293-295-297-299-301-303-305-307-309-311-313-315-317-319-321-323-325-327-329-331-333-335-337-339-341-343-345-347-349-351-353-355-357-359-361-363-365-367-369-371-373-375-377-379-381-383-385-387-389-391-393-395-397-399-401-403-405-407-409-411-413-415-417-419-421-423-425-427-429-431-433-435-437-439-441-443-445-447-449-451-453-455-457-459-461-463-465-467-469-471-473-475-477-479-481-483-485-487-489-491-493-495-497-499-501-503-505-507-509-511-513-515-517-519-521-523-525-527-529-531-533-535-537-539-541-543-545-547-549-551-553-555-557-559-561-563-565-567-569-571-573-575-577-579-581-583-585-587-589-591-593-595-597-599-601-603-605-607-609-611-613-615-617-619-621-623-625-627-629-631-633-635-637-639-641-643-645-647-649-651-653-655-657-659-661-663-665-667-669-671-673-675-677-679-681-683-685-687-689-691-693-695-697-699-701-703-705-707-709-711-713-715-717-719-721-723-725-727-729-731-733-735-737-739-741-743-745-747-749-751-753-755-757-759-761-763-765-767-769-771-773-775-777-779-781-783-785-787-789-791-793-795-797-799-801-803-805-807-809-811-813-815-817-819-821-823-825-827-829-831-833-835-837-839-841-843-845-847-849-851-853-855-857-859-861-863-865-867-869-871-873-875-877-879-881-883-885-887-889-891-893-895-897-899-901-903-905-907-909-911-913-915-917-919-921-923-925-927-929-931-933-935-937-939-941-943-945-947-949-951-953-955-957-959-961-963-965-967-969-971-973-975-977-979-981-983-985-987-989-991-993-995-997-999-1001-1003-1005-1007-1009-1011-1013-1015-1017-1019-1021-1023-1025-1027-1029-1031-1033-1035-1037-1039-1041-1043-1045-1047-1049-1051-1053-1055-1057-1059-1061-1063-1065-1067-1069-1071-1073-1075-1077-1079-1081-1083-1085-1087-1089-1091-1093-1095-1097-1099-1101-1103-1105-1107-1109-1111-1113-1115-1117-1119-1121-1123-1125-1127-1129-1131-1133-1135-1137-1139-1141-1143-1145-1147-1149-1151-1153-1155-1157-1159-1161-1163-1165-1167-1169-1171-1173-1175-1177-1179-1181-1183-1185-1187-1189-1191-1193-1195-1197-1199-1201-1203-1205-1207-1209-1211-1213-1215-1217-1219-1221-1223-1225-1227-1229-1231-1233-1235-1237-1239-1241-1243-1245-1247-1249-1251-1253-1255-1257-1259-1261-1263-1265-1267-1269-1271-1273-1275-1277-1279-1281-1283-1285-1287-1289-1291-1293-1295-1297-1299-1301-1303-1305-1307-1309-1311-1313-1315-1317-1319-1321-1323-1325-1327-1329-1331-1333-1335-1337-1339-1341-1343-1345-1347-1349-1351-1353-1355-1357-1359-1361-1363-1365-1367-1369-1371-1373-1375-1377-1379-1381-1383-1385-1387-1389-1391-1393-1395-1397-1399-1401-1403-1405-1407-1409-1411-1413-1415-1417-1419-1421-1423-1425-1427-1429-1431-1433-1435-1437-1439-1441-1443-1445-1447-1449-1451-1453-1455-1457-1459-1461-1463-1465-1467-1469-1471-1473-1475-1477-1479-1481-1483-1485-1487-1489-1491-1493-1495-1497-1499-1501-1503-1505-1507-1509-1511-1513-1515-1517-1519-1521-1523-1525-1527-1529-1531-1533-1535-1537-1539-1541-1543-1545-1547-1549-1551-1553-1555-1557-1559-1561-1563-1565-1567-1569-1571-1573-1575-1577-1579-1581-1583-1585-1587-1589-1591-1593-1595-1597-1599-1601-1603-1605-1607-1609-1611-1613-1615-1617-1619-1621-1623-1625-1627-1629-1631-1633-1635-1637-1639-1641-1643-1645-1647-1649-1651-1653-1655-1657-1659-1661-1663-1665-1667-1669-1671-1673-1675-1677-1679-1681-1683-1685-1687-1689-1691-1693-1695-1697-1699-1701-1703-1705-1707-1709-1711-1713-1715-1717-1719-1721-1723-1725-1727-1729-1731-1733-1735-1737-1739-1741-1743-1745-1747-1749-1751-1753-1755-1757-1759-1761-1763-1765-1767-1769-1771-1773-1775-1777-1779-1781-1783-1785-1787-1789-1791-1793-1795-1797-1799-1801-1803-1805-1807-1809-1811-1813-1815-1817-1819-1821-1823-1825-1827-1829-1831-1833-1835-1837-1839-1841-1843-1845-1847-1849-1851-1853-1855-1857-1859-1861-1863-1865-1867-1869-1871-1873-1875-1877-1879-1881-1883-1885-1887-1889-1891-1893-1895-1897-1899-1901-1903-1905-1907-1909-1911-1913-1915-1917-1919-1921-1923-1925-1927-1929-1931-1933-1935-1937-1939-1941-1943-1945-1947-1949-1951-1953-1955-1957-1959-1961-1963-1965-1967-1969-1971-1973-1975-1977-1979-1981-1983-1985-1987-1989-1991-1993-1995-1997-1999-2001-2003-2005-2007-2009-2011-2013-2015-2017-2019-2021-2023-2025-2027-2029-2031-2033-2035-2037-2039-2041-2043-2045-2047-2049-2051-2053-2055-2057-2059-2061-2063-2065-2067-2069-2071-2073-2075-2077-2079-2081-2083-2085-2087-2089-2091-2093-2095-2097-2099-2101-2103-2105-2107-2109-2111-2113-2115-2117-2119-2121-2123-2125-2127-2129-2131-2133-2135-2137-2139-2141-2143-2145-2147-2149-2151-2153-2155-2157-2159-2161-2163-2165-2167-2169-2171-2173-2175-2177-2179-2181-2183-2185-2187-2189-2191-2193-2195-2197-2199-2201-2203-2205-2207-2209-2211-2213-2215-2217-2219-2221-2223-2225-2227-2229-2231-2233-2235-2237-2239-2241-2243-2245-2247-2249-2251-2253-2255-2257-2259-2261-2263-2265-2267-2269-2271-2273-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