

Revision Plans For Taxes Swamp Senate Hearing

Finance Committee Nears First Defense of Excess Profits Tax—Other Suggestions Are Made.

Washington, May 16.—The senate finance committee was swamped at hearings today with suggestions for revision of the federal tax laws. It heard for the first time a defense of the excess profits tax as well as pleas for reduced taxes and elimination of alleged discriminatory provisions against business.

C. C. Hanch of Indianapolis and G. M. Graham of Buffalo, speaking for the national automobile chamber of commerce, were chief witnesses from the industrial ranks and urged removal of the excess profits, luxury, excise transportation and consumption taxes.

H. A. Harris of Chicago, a certified public accountant, was the champion of the excess profits tax. Mr. Harris also urged exemption of corporation dividends from personal income surtaxes.

Frank E. Srdman of Grand Rapids, Mich., took still another tack on the profits tax question, suggesting a tax on undistributed earnings of corporations to make good losses caused by repeal of the profits tax. Attempts of officials during the war to differentiate between essential and non-essential industries has left bad spots in the nation's commercial life, said Mr. Graham.

Mr. Hanch stressed the need of the country for an equilibrium between supply and demand. He declared increasing the tax burden would make more remote restoration of the business balance which he said was necessary for an early revival of commerce and industry.

The subject of high taxes got on to the senate floor today. Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, a member of the committee, charged that there was a definite trend among members of the finance committee to "shift the tax order from the rich to the great common people."

Wallace Opposes Opening Alaska

Secretary Declares Development Board "Would Be Highly Prejudicial."

Washington, May 16.—Opposition to the bill to create an Alaskan Development board was expressed by Secretary of Agriculture in a letter today to Representative Curry of California, chairman of the house committee on territories.

"The enactment of this measure," Secretary Wallace said, "would be highly prejudicial to national interests and to the Alaskan interests as well. It would remove wholesome checks against the exploitation of our vast national resources and would deprive Alaska of the technical help of the federal agencies which combine long experience and the best scientific knowledge in studying and developing natural resources."

In effect, Mr. Wallace argued, the measure "proposes to set up a branch federal government having jurisdiction over certain properties and functions in the territory of Alaska."

"We have now come to a time," Secretary Wallace continued, "when economic conditions should bring about a gradual development of Alaskan industries with a corresponding increase in population. This development should be on a sound basis and not the result of temporary and reckless exploitation of public property."

"By creating an Alaskan board composed of representatives placed there by each of the federal agencies now active in the territory and of one or two permanent residents of Alaska, every proper purpose sought to be accomplished by this measure could be brought about without jeopardizing national and territorial interests."

Presents Warrant of \$4.50 for Work Done in 1893

Lincoln, May 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. G. L. Shumway, Scottsbluff, wife of a former land commissioner, presented a state warrant today for \$4.50, drawn by Eugene Moore, former state auditor, in 1893. The warrant stated that the \$4.50 represented work done at a legislative session State officers have no doubt of the genuineness of the warrant, but are holding it up to discover the length of time for which the state is responsible for payment of warrant.

Rates Fixed by W. O. W. in 1919 Are Held to Be Legal

Lincoln, May 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Rates established by the Woodmen of the World at the Chicago convention in 1919 were held to be legal today by the supreme court in a decision handed down from an appeal by Charles E. Fowler and others from the Otoe county district court. The court also held that a 15 per cent sinking fund for an epidemic was legal.

Aliens Have No Right to Ask Relatives' Admittance

Washington, May 16.—Alien residents in the United States have no legal right to demand the admittance of relatives, the supreme court ruled in effect today in upholding decisions of California courts in the appeal of Yee-Mon, a Chinaman, who sought to bring his wife and three minor children with him on his return to this country from a visit to China. The immigration authorities refused to admit him.

Father and Son Face Arrest As Their Bank Is Closed

Tuscola, Ill., May 16.—Warrants were issued here today for the arrest of John Quirk, cashier of the Arcola state bank at Arcola, Ill., eight miles from here, and for his father, M. T. Quirk, vice president, and the bank was closed by State Bank Examiner Whitelock following a reported shortage of \$400,000. The warrants were sent to Arcola to be served.

Woman Reaches Omaha On Cross-Country Hike



Miss Helena Zielinska, New York, passed through Omaha Monday on her way from New York to San Francisco, where she expects to finish her journey in August. She has traveled 1,600 miles of her journey. Her next long stop will be Denver. Miss Zielinska is a former Y. W. C. A. worker in New York and when she finishes her journey she will write a book and then go to Poland to do Y. W. C. A. work. Except for an occasional lift in automobiles, she is walking all the way.

Chicagoan Urges Tax Retention

Takes Positive Stand for Exemption of Corporation Dividends From Surtaxes.

Washington, May 16.—Tax revisions discussions were given a new twist before the senate finance committee today by H. Archibald Harris, Chicago, who took a positive stand for continuation of the excess profits tax and urged exemption of corporation dividends from surtaxes. He was the first witness before any congressional committee at this session to propose retention of the excess profits tax provisions of the present revenue laws.

He told the committee that in his opinion it should direct efforts toward reduction of tax free securities. He also suggested a reduction of the higher surtax rates on personal incomes.

By sitting the 1917 returns the treasury is shaking out around \$35,000,000 a month in extra taxes, Mr. Harris said, and predicted that when examination of the 1918 returns gets under way, the income from back taxes will jump to between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000 a month.

"This will mean," he added, "that between \$1,800,000,000 and \$2,520,000,000 in additional taxes will be assessed in the next three years."

In the next three years, he said, the government should receive between \$2,340,000,000 and \$3,276,000,000 from 1918, which treasury officials had not counted on as yet in any of their computations.

Says Very Atmospheric Town Will Cause Reform

Lincoln, May 16.—(Special.)—The very atmosphere of Taylor, Neb., will cause erring young men to reform, A. S. Moon, county attorney, told the state board of control, in a letter received today. Moon wants the new \$300,000 reformatory located at Taylor. "Surprise the taxpayers by an exhibition of good judgment in locating the reformatory," Moon wrote in his letter.

An extensive deposit of fairly pure iron pyrites has been discovered in eastern Finland.

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Liverpool Homes Burned to Ground By Raiding Party

Occupants of Every House Visited Have Relatives Serving in Royal Irish Constabulary—No Arrests.

Liverpool, May 16.—Six houses in widely separated parts of this city were raided and set on fire by unidentified parties last night. The occupants of every house thus visited have relatives serving in the Royal Irish Constabulary. The inmates were in some cases gagged around the mouth, the furniture was drenched with kerosene and set on fire, and in some instances the helpless people were left to the mercy of the flames by the raiders who fled in automobiles.

The raids were in all ways similar to those made in suburban districts of London, and in this city one house that was raided was occupied by Mrs. Jennings, a widow and her daughter. The latter opened the door when there was a knock and she was seized by the throat by the intruder. She struggled and fled to her mother and then fainted. The women were too terrified to raise an alarm.

In another house were three sisters, who were overawed by a dozen men who displayed revolvers and threatened to shoot them if they stirred. A terrier attacked the raiders when they assailed his 77-year-old master and prevented them from setting fire to the house. When the raiders ran, the dog chased them, but was shot dead.

A sailor named Brailsford, who lost a leg in the famous naval raid on Zebrugge, refused to throw up his hands when men broke into his house, but threw a sewing machine at the intruders, who fled, firing their revolvers. None of the raiders has been arrested.

Officers Find Still Vehicle Seeking Car Accessories

Neligh, Neb., May 16.—(Special Telegram.)—While searching in the vicinity of the Will McClachey farm, east of Elgin on Cedar Creek, for accessories which had been stripped from a car officers discovered a 25-gallon still and about 150 gallons of mash in addition to the missing parts. James McClachey and Math Ulrich on the farm, were arrested and taken to the Neligh jail on charges of manufacturing liquor.

War Risk No Excuse for Not Paying Policy, Court Holds

Lincoln, May 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The extra hazard of war is no excuse for an insurance company not paying a life insurance policy, according to a ruling today by the supreme court. Mrs. Carrie Hagelin's husband was killed in France. He carried a \$2,000 insurance policy and it was contended that because the policy was taken out before his enlistment and no war premiums were paid payment was void.

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Extradition Granted For Alleged Murderers

San Francisco, May 16.—Mrs. Nellie Ormsby, matron of the county jail at Twin Falls, Idaho, arrived today with extradition papers for Mrs. Lydia Eva Southard, former Twin Falls resident, who is under arrest in Honolulu on a charge of murdering her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, at Twin Falls, Idaho. Mrs. Ormsby joined her husband, V. H. Ormsby, Twin Falls deputy sheriff, who was detailed to go to Honolulu to return Mrs. Southard for trial, and who arrived here on Friday. The Ormsbys will depart on the steamer Wednesday if the ship strike does not detain them.

Dates and Places of League Debates Set

Lincoln, May 16.—(Special.)—Dates and places where the debates between A. C. Townley, Nonpartisan league leader, and William Langer, former attorney general of North Dakota, will be held in Nebraska were announced today. The debates will carry a tent with them which will hold 2,500 people and all debates will be held at 2 in the afternoon. The admission will be 50 cents. Following are the places and dates: Deshler, May 25; Beatrice, May 26; York, May 27; Dannebrog, May 28; Newman Grove, May 29; Hoskins, May 30; Fordyce, May 31.

Rail Costs Must Be Reduced Say Company Heads

Senator Cummins Says "Railroads Cannot Last" If 1920 Operation Returns Are To Continue.

Washington, May 16.—Private ownership of railroads cannot continue if railroad operating costs, when fair returns on capital is considered, continue to exceed revenues, Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio testified today before a senate investigating committee.

He said that the railroad situation, insofar as depression and lack of earnings were concerned, differed "only in degree" from that now being encountered in other industries. General economic conditions and difficulties encountered in federal war time operations, he added, were in his opinion largely responsible for present difficulties, and he expressed confidence that private ownership would justify itself financially and work out under present laws and government policy.

Chairman Cummins of the senate committee had previously expressed the opinion that the "railroads cannot last" if 1920 returns from operation are to continue, an opinion agreed in by Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific board, the first witness.

Dublin, May 16.—Three government officers and the wife of one of them were shot and killed in an ambush last night at Bally Eirn, four miles from Gort, county Galway. The victims were District Inspector Blake and his wife, Captain Cornwallis and Lieutenant McCreehy. The captain and the lieutenant were attached to the Seventeenth lancers.

The party was riding in a motor car when it was ambushed by 40 men. Military and police reinforcements sent to the scene were fired upon and one constable was seriously wounded.

Will Visit State Homes

Lincoln, May 16.—(Special.)—The state board of control left Lincoln today to visit state institutions at Milford, York, Burkett, Kearney, Hastings, Geneva.

Parents of Woman Held for Murder Will Not Aid Her

Alleged Murderess, Suspected Of Slaying Four Husbands, Must Battle for Life Without Parental Help.

Twin Falls, Idaho, May 16.—William J. Trueblood, 57, and Mrs. Laura Trueblood, 52, will not contribute financially to the defense of their daughter, Mrs. Lydia Trueblood Southard, who was last Thursday arrested at Honolulu to be returned here to stand trial for the murder of her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer.

Mrs. Trueblood, when seen today at the modest farm home of the family seven miles southwest of Twin Falls, said that she expressed the views of her husband when she said:

"We have hoped and believed all along that Lydia is innocent. If she is guilty, not all the money we have and could raise would save her, and if she is guilty of all that is charged against her she should be punished. This is hard for a mother to say, but I am sure our decision must be the right one."

The mother bore evidence of the strain to which she had been subjected on her daughter's account—

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strain that was not of a few days' duration, but which had extended over a period of months dating from the death of Meyer and the disappearance of their daughter soon afterward with the finger of suspicion even then pointing at her. "We had hoped it was all settled," Mrs. Trueblood said today.

"We heard from Lydia only once after she left here following Meyer's funeral, last September," Mrs. Trueblood said. "That was a telegram telling us she had arrived in California. She had written to us frequently whenever she had been away from home before."

While in California for several weeks last fall with a view to moving the family home, Mr. Trueblood visited Los Angeles and other cities in an unsuccessful effort to locate his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Trueblood are the parents of eight children ranging in age from 7 to 33 years, of whom Lydia, or Ann Eliza as her mother declares she was christened, is the third child and the second daughter.

Railroad Officer in Gun Battle With Two Hoboes

Two hoboes who engaged Special Agent E. F. Martin of the North western railroad in a pistol duel Sunday night in the yards at Missouri Valley, Ia., are being sought by Omaha police.

Central police headquarters was notified of the gun fight by Martin who said he believed he had wounded one of the men as a trail of blood was left by them as they fled toward Omaha.

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