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House Tax Bill Ready For Senate

Committee Completes Revision of Schedules; Change in Income Section to Lose Treasury \$18,000,000.

Revises "Luxury" Taxes

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING,
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Revision of the house tax bill, preparatory to reporting it to the senate Wednesday, was virtually completed late this afternoon.

Important among the changes made today was the adoption of an amendment revising the surtax rates, by which those below the maximum of .32 per cent fixed in both house and senate bills were changed, some raised and some lowered.

Under the amendment adopted the surtax will begin with 1 per cent on incomes from \$6,000 to \$8,000 instead of from \$5,000 to \$6,000 as under present law. On incomes up to \$20,000 the rate in each bracket is reduced 1 per cent. On incomes from \$20,000 to \$34,000 the rate in each bracket is increased 1 per cent, then the rates are left as under present law up to incomes exceeding \$60,000 where the maximum uniform rate of 32 per cent will apply.

Lose \$18,000,000 A Year.

The changes will lose the federal treasury \$18,000,000 annually, it is estimated.

The committee also revised the so-called luxury tax. The amendment levies a tax of 5 per cent on the following articles in excess of the price given:

Carpets, \$4 per square yard.
Rugs, \$6 per square yard.
Valises, traveling bags, suit cases, hat boxes and fitted boxes, \$20 each.
Trunks, \$35 each.

Office Furniture Taxed.

The committee approved a tax of 5 per cent on office furniture made from imported woods.

Its previous action levying a 2 per cent tax on proprietary medicines was rescinded and medicines left free.

It reduced from 10 to 7 1/2 cents per gallon the tax on fountain drink syrups.

The house sections relating to capital gains and losses were approved except that it was amended to make the rate on capital gains 16 per cent and to allow in case of net losses, deductions for the whole loss. The house bill taxes capital gains 12 1/2 per cent but allows only a 12 1/2 per cent deduction for a net loss.

Insurance Sections Amended.

The insurance sections of the house bill were amended to make the corporation normal tax apply to investment incomes of life insurance companies only. As to other insurance companies the present plan will continue.

The house amendment providing for the creation of a commission to simplify tax returns was adopted. Under the amendment the president will name three representatives of the house and the secretary of the treasury three representatives of the government.

Another meeting of the committee will be held tomorrow at which Senator Smoot will offer a substitute to the bill he recently introduced, which would levy a manufacturers' tax of 3 per cent. At the same time Senator Calder plans to offer his amendment levying a tax of \$5 a barrel on beer with a content of 2.75 per cent alcohol.

Cattle Shortage Is Reported From West

A cattle shortage is general throughout the west from Colorado and Wyoming north to the Canadian line, according to G. R. Watkins of Billings, Mont., who was a visitor at the stock yards looking over conditions. He said he had lived out in the range country for 40 years and in all that time he never had seen such a shortage of cattle. He said this condition of affairs was due to a severe drought and expensive winter feeding. He said dry farmers had settled in plains districts and fenced off most of the grazing land. He also complained of dry farmers voting road and school bonds in many unsettled sections and put the burden of paying for the bonds on many of the large land-owners.

Chief of Air Service Asks to Be Released

Washington, Sept. 16.—After nearly three years of service, Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher has requested to be relieved as chief of the air service.

This became known today, Secretary Weeks, in response to inquiries, announcing that General Menoher had asked formally to be released as air service head and to be transferred to command of troops in the field. The secretary added that no action had been taken on the request, but it was indicated that the general's desire would be granted.

Germans Display Good Will At Reparations Conference

Omaha, Sept. 18.—Financial and industrial Germany showed much good will at the meeting Wednesday with Chancellor Wirth to devise methods of raising gold and currency to meet German reparation obligations. The industrial world believes the basis of government will be willing to permit adequate representation of economic interests.

The industrialists calculate they will be able to produce between \$100,000,000 and 1,500,000,000 marks.

Churchman Condemns Conspiracy of Silence On Sex Relationship

London, Sept. 16.—Victor Murray of the Primitive Methodist church, in addressing the world's Methodist conference here today, said "the conspiracy of silence regarding sex has created untold suffering."

"Men and women were created for companionship," he declared, "and it is useless trying to hide from them the deepest things of life. If they do not learn from the church the things of most concern to their lives, they will pick them up from the gutter."

Stage Is Set For Trial Of "Fatty"

Film Comedian to Be Given Preliminary Hearing on Murder Charge Next Thursday in Court.

German Paper Charges Secret Anglo-Jap Pact

Great Britain to Fight United States in Case of Japanese War, Deutsche Zeitung Declares.

By DONALD STONE, Chicago Tribune Cable, Copyright, 1921. Berlin, Sept. 16.—The announcement of an alleged secret agreement between England and Japan, in which the former country is pledged to support Japan in the event of a war with America, was made here today by the Deutsche Zeitung, which claims to have received the facts from a well-informed American source.

The German paper, after telling how the firm opposition of Australia and Canada compelled the English government to amend the terms of the alliance, pledging neutrality in the event of a Japanese-American war, then claims that the Japanese dissatisfaction resulted in a secret agreement, which while it does not oblige England to join the war, pledges the British to render aid pending the outcome.

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