

Conferees Decide on Tax Rate

Corporations Subjected to 12 1/2 Per Cent Levy Instead of 15 Per Cent as Provided by Senate.

Will Reduce Revenues

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Nov. 19.—Corporations will be subject to a flat income tax of 12 1/2 per cent, beginning with income of the calendar year 1922, under an agreement reached today by the senate and house conferees on the revenue bill.

The conferees approved the rate as provided in the bill originally passed by the house instead of the 15 per cent rate in the senate bill. This action was taken at the insistence of the house conferees, who argued that corporations should not be required to bear a heavier tax. The 12 1/2 per cent flat tax will be a substitute for the 10 per cent normal tax and excess profits tax provided under the present law.

It will mean a considerable reduction in taxation for corporations with large earnings which have been subject to the excess profits tax, but an increase for those which have not had earnings sufficiently large to be subject to the excess profits taxes.

Means Cut in Revenues. By approving the 12 1/2 per cent tax, the conferees deliberately cut the probable revenues below the amount which the treasury had estimated to be necessary to meet expenditures. While the reduction from 15 to 12 1/2 per cent will not affect revenues during the fiscal year 1922, it will mean an eventual loss of \$130,000,000 annually from the amount which would have been yielded under the senate bill.

The bill, as passed by the senate, was estimated to raise \$3,242,730,000 during the fiscal year 1922, which is \$30,000,000 less than the amount which the treasury officials said would be raised from federal taxation.

This bill, as agreed to by the conferees, may result in a deficit of at least \$60,000,000 during the fiscal year 1922 and probably will raise less than \$2,550,000,000 in the fiscal year 1923.

Amendment Approved. The conferees approved the senate amendment which provides that the \$2,000 corporation income tax exemption shall apply only in the case of corporations whose net income is \$25,000 or less.

The conferees struck out the Wadsworth amendment, added in the senate, which imposed new taxes on medicinal beers, wine and whiskey.

All of the republican conferees except Senator Smoot of Utah signed the conference report. Senator Smoot, whose plan for a sales tax was rejected, said he was not convinced that the bill would raise sufficient revenue. He intends to express his views on the measure on the floor of the senate. The democrats also did not sign the report.

The conference report will be brought up in the house Monday under an agreement providing for four or five hours of debate. Although the report had not been entirely drafted tonight, Representative Fordney, chairman of the house ways and means committee, obtained permission from the house to file it by midnight tomorrow night, under date of today. This will make possible its consideration Monday.

The leaders hope the senate will approve the conference report not later than Wednesday, making final adjournment of the session possible on that day.

Complete Lull in Irish Affairs Over Week-End. Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service. London, Nov. 19.—There is a complete lull in Irish affairs over the week-end. Prime Minister Lloyd George has gone to Bournemouth until Tuesday. Michael Collins has gone to Dublin and Sir James Craig is ill with influenza at London. The air at Bournemouth is good for influenza, however, and it is suggested that Craig may be persuaded to go there for his health when it is possible he must run across Mr. Lloyd George and have an informal chat.

Union Pacific Attorney Scores Capper Measure. Washington, Nov. 19.—Enactment of the Capper or other bills withdrawing from the interstate commerce commission control over state rates would result in "guerrilla warfare" among the state rate questions, H. A. Scammett, counsel for the Union Pacific lines, told the senate interstate commerce committee. He contended that the Capper measure and several others now pending would deprive the interstate commerce commission of power over "discriminatory state rates."

12-Year-Old Is Heroine of Village of East Omaha

Esther Hedberg, Alone With Smaller Sisters, Shoots And Wounds Chicken Thief With Father's Shotgun, As He Emerges From Cellar.

Esther Hedberg is only 12. She is not large for her age. But courage is not always measured by size, and Esther now is a heroine of the village of East Omaha.

Esther's mother is very ill in the Swedish Mission hospital. She has been there for seven months. It has been a tedious seven months for Esther, for she has had to assume her mother's duties, and care for the house and two little sisters as well.

There have been many lonely, fearful nights in the little Hedberg home at Twenty-fifth street and avenue L. Last night was no exception. As on many preceding nights Esther's father had gone to the hospital to see the mother.

Noise in Basement. Esther had finished washing the dishes. She was tucking her 2-year-old sister, Mary Jane, in bed, when she heard a noise in the basement. Her heart skipped a beat.

Thursday night she had heard a similar noise. A little girl friend had been with her on this occasion, and she was less frightened.

Now she was alone. Her baby sister's safety depended on her. She tiptoed her way to the kitchen. The noise below continued. In the kitchen stood her father's shotgun. She had always avoided the gun. It was so big and heavy, and made such a deafening noise when it was discharged.

Carried Gun Out Doors. She shuddered as she picked it up. She pulled back one of the hammers of the gun as she had often seen her father do, cautiously opened the kitchen door and stepped out into the night.

Emerging from the basement door, not more than 10 feet from her, she saw a dark figure. Her little body was tense as she raised the gun. The report of the gun deafened her. She saw the dark figure stum-

ble and fall. "I am shot!" shouted the fallen man. The agonized voice of the man frightened her. She fled into the house, trembling.

Girl Kept Watch. When the father returned home half an hour later she was seated in the kitchen, the gun across her knees. Her pretty little face was white, but there was a courageous light in her eyes.

Investigation revealed that the marauder had broken a lock on the cellar door, entered, and had securely bound the feet of three chickens. The chickens lay where he had fallen after the shot, but the marauder had dragged himself away. Neighbors who heard the shot followed them saw two men lift a third into an automobile, parked near the house, and drive away.

Deputy Sheriff V. D. Quackenbush and a small posse which included A. L. Timblin and Frank Kielley searched the vicinity and questioned nearby residents, but in vain. They were assisted by Deputy Game Warden Lynch.

Thieves Are Active. The village of East Omaha is much aroused over wholesale chicken thefts. C. A. Gardner, who resides near the Hedberg home, was robbed of 40 chickens Thursday night, friends said. A Sheriff, town marshal, whom the village trustees failed to oust at a special meeting Friday night, could not be found to help in the search, according to Timblin and Kielley.

Esther, who attends Pershing school when she is not doing the house work and caring for her little sisters, shyly denied there was any particular bravery in her act. "I'll take better aim next time," she said. "But oh, how I hope there won't be any next time."

All those arrested for speeding were taken to the police station and booked. Bonds were set at from \$15 to \$50 each. Hearings will be held in police court Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ex-Convict Says Police Beat Him. Chief of Police Dempsey yesterday called for reports from all detectives, who examined Frank (Monk) Trummer, ex-convict, who was arrested recently following a gun duel at the Bradley-Merriman building.

Trummer, Chief of Police Dempsey said, charged that the police officers who examined him, beat him in order to get him to tell where the stolen property was hidden.

157 Held In Drive On Speeders

As 50 Special Traffic Officers On Duty, Unknown Driver Collides With Car And Escapes.

While the special traffic violators were scattered about the city, an automobile, driven by Sgt. Polley, 1103 North Eighth street, at Eighteenth and Webster streets, was struck by an automobile, whose driver sped on following the collision.

Bryant Maroney, 1718 Pratt street, who was walking on the sidewalk, was struck by the Polley car when it was knocked onto the sidewalk by the impact.

Pedestrian Hurt. Moroney was injured about the head and face. He was taken to the Western hospital.

Polley escaped without injuries. Following the accident special emergency motorcycle officers searched the city for the escaped driver.

"These autoists who sped away after striking a person are in the same class with murderers," said Chief Dempsey.

Women Are Injured. Miss Frances Cooksey, 1413 South Thirty-second street, and Mrs. L. G. Iverson, 1115 South Thirty-second street, received slight injuries yesterday when an automobile, driven by F. Junosek, 1506 South Twenty-ninth street, struck them after being hit by a street car. The accident occurred at Twenty-ninth and Leavenworth streets.

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Eleven Mourners On Way Back From Funeral Killed. Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Ill., Nov. 19.—Creeping through a blinding snowstorm, returning from a funeral, a touring car carrying 13 relatives of Myrtle Zimman, who had just been buried, was struck by the Santa Fe-California Limited train, running 60 miles an hour, and 11 of the occupants of the funeral car were killed. The car was smashed to splinters and portions of the bodies strewn for nearly a mile.

Ten of the victims were instantly killed. Another died soon after being taken to a hospital and one other victim will not survive. The impact from the two heavy locomotives was so violent that the largest part of the wrecked automobile that could be found, was a rear tire.

The hearse had crossed the track and was closely followed by the funeral car. It was squarely across the tracks when a long train, pulled by two locomotives, roared around a sharp curve. A third funeral car was 100 feet in the rear of the one demolished, but the driver could not see it. He heard a crash, but could see nothing because of the storm. He drove across the tracks, but there was no sign of the grim tragedy that had just been enacted, and the occupants of his car continued their homes, ignorant of what had happened.

One of the marvelous incidents of the affair is the escape of Mrs. John Chrusick, whose husband and son were killed. She was carried many yards and hurried into a snow-filled ravine and escaped without a scratch. Badly dazed, she was helped to her home, but soon regained her senses and returned to claim the bodies of her husband and son. Her second son was so badly injured that he will die.

The crossing is on a lonely road near Summit, Ill., and a number of abandoned stone quarries and huge piles of rock obscure the view of the railroad tracks in either direction.

Allies May Give Germany More Time to Meet Payments. Berlin, Nov. 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—Future installments of German reparations may be postponed after those due in January and February are paid, if the allies are convinced of Germany's sincerity, it was intimated semi-officially today, after a final conference between Chancellor Wirth and members of the reparations committee.

The commission, which has been here several days studying Germany's financial situation, returned to Paris tonight. It was said that the commission made it clear Germany must meet the January and February installments, but that future payments would be given further consideration.

Win a Prize. See how well you know five famous women of history. You may win— \$5. Full details will be found on page 2 of this section.

Peace Work

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Attorneys for Mrs. Neal Here To Get Evidence

Defendant Said She Was Tired Of Living With Husband, Woman Testifies At Trial.

Auburn, Neb., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Attorneys for the defense in the Lucy Neal murder trial left here this afternoon for Omaha where they intend to take depositions to be used when the defense presents evidence next week.

The trial was adjourned until Monday morning at noon today for the express purpose of allowing these attorneys to go to Omaha. Ten more witnesses are on the list to be called to the stand by the state.

Mrs. Russel Kerns was placed on the stand shortly before adjournment today. She is a niece of Ben Neal's second wife. She testified she and her mother met the present Mrs. Neal on the street in Brownville sometime last March while divorce action between the Neals was looming, and that Mrs. Neal told them:

"I'm tired of living with Ben Neal and you may expect the worst at any time." Under cross examination by the defense, Mrs. Kerns stated she understood Mrs. Neal referred to the divorce action.

Mrs. Kerns also testified Neal had told her he would make out his will in her favor.

Germany's First Envoy Since War Reaches U.S.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Nov. 19.—Germany's first envoy to the United States since the war, Baron Edmond von Therman, who is to be ambassador to the United States, arrived today on the liner Helligolav.

He wore a clothes that appeared worn and almost shabby. He said it will be a great hardship for the German government to run an embassy here, because of the low rate of the mark and high cost of the American dollar.

One of the first statements from Baron Von Therman was that he had no concern with the Washington conference on arms limitation. "France has nothing to fear of Germany," the baron continued. "Germany is absolutely disarmed."

Ray of Sunshine in Movie Causes Panic; Several Children Hurt. Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Nov. 19.—A little ray of sunshine caused a panic in an East Side movie picture theater this afternoon. About 300 women and children were watching a thriller on the screen at the Academy, in east Houston street, when the manager, Charles Goldschlang, ordered ventilators opened.

Japs Drop Claims to Privileges

Tokio Delegates Express Willingness to Agree on Policies Respecting Special Rights of Sister Nation.

Others Follow Action. By PHILIP KINSLEY. Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Nov. 19.—Japan renounced all claim to special rights and privileges in trade with China, asked for a hands-off policy in China's internal affairs, and declared its willingness to agree on policies respecting China at today's session of the conference, delegates making up the committee on Pacific and far eastern questions.

Spokesmen for seven other participating nations, excluding America, followed the lead of the Japanese chief delegate, Admiral Baron Kato, in expressing the hope of finding a common field of service in helping China itself.

China's 10 proposals were not accepted in their entirety by any nation and unless America comes strongly and swiftly to the rescue, China's demands will never be fully met at the conference. The committee will meet next Monday, when China will probably approach the Shantung issue. At least they will try to get something concrete in the way of showing the good faith underlying the pious pronouncement of motives today.

Await Attitude of U. S. America's attitude is awaited by the Chinese. It is known that Secretary Hughes examined the proposals before they were presented in committee and it is expected that at the right moment he will come forward with a clear statement as to how far America will back China up. Elihu Root stated today after the session that while certain parts of the proposals dealt with the well known policy, there were other points that were new and still others needing exposition.

Dr. Wellington Koo explained to him just how the principles would be applied. Japan's formal statement, made after instructions from Tokyo, is important, not only in what it conceded, but what is left unsaid. Stress is laid at the opening upon the existing difficulties in China. It would not surprise the Chinese if Japan should bring about a political upheaval in Peking during this conference, in order to make this card stronger.

China Source of Supply. With the clause, "We should regret undue protraction of the discussion by detailed examination of innumerable minor matters," the Japanese spokesman disposed of such matters as Japan's treaty rights in China and the question of the 21 demands. They do not agree to any part of the Chinese proposals (Turn to Page Six, Column Five).

Democrats Open Drive To Unseat Newberry

Washington, Nov. 19.—Democrats in the senate moved today to unseat Truman H. Newberry, republican, Michigan, whose election in 1918 is contested by Henry Ford, when Senator Walsh of Montana, submitted a resolution which, if adopted, would make the seat vacant.

Mr. Walsh announced that when the question comes to a vote he will ask that his resolution be substituted for that declaring Mr. Newberry elected, introduced by the republican members of the senate privileges and elections committee. Mr. Walsh's resolution would deny Mr. Ford's claim to the place by virtue of his having failed to receive a majority of the votes cast. It would retire Mr. Newberry because of alleged "acts in gross and flagrant violation of the law."

U. S. Steamer Afire; Entire Crew Saved

Wilmingtore, N. C., Nov. 19.—The United States oil Alameda is afire about 40 miles off Cape Henry, according to a wireless message received here tonight. The United States coast guard cutter, Seminole, answered the call from this port. Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—All hands on the United States oiler Alameda abandoned the burning vessel, according to a wireless received by the Philadelphia navy yard tonight. The crew had been picked up by the steamer, Bristol, which is standing by.

Negro Holdups Lock Factory In Store After Robbery

Max Siref, his wife and several small children, were locked in their store at 1406 North Twenty-fourth street last night by two negro hold-up men, who robbed them of \$218. After the negro bandits locked the door and ran across the street, Siref shattered the glass of the door and shot at them several times. The holdup men escaped behind billboards.

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Fred Josephson, 2120 California street, was arrested last night and was charged with disturbing the peace when he interfered with the arrest of Hazel Raymond, Carleton hotel, at Fourteenth and Howard streets. The Raymond woman was arrested by Police Officer J. Stages and Paulson on a vagrancy charge.

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The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Unsettled weather Sunday and Monday with probably snow or rain; rising temperature Monday and in north and west portions Sunday. Iowa—Mostly cloudy Sunday, with probably snow by night and Monday; rising temperature Monday and in northwest portion Sunday. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 19.1 6 a. m. 18.9 7 a. m. 18.7 8 a. m. 18.5 9 a. m. 18.3 10 a. m. 18.1 11 a. m. 17.9 12 noon 17.7 1 p. m. 17.5 2 p. m. 17.3 3 p. m. 17.1 4 p. m. 16.9 5 p. m. 16.7 6 p. m. 16.5 7 p. m. 16.3 8 p. m. 16.1 9 p. m. 15.9 10 p. m. 15.7 11 p. m. 15.5 12 noon 15.3