

WAR REVENUE BILL PLANNED TO RAISE \$1,800,000,000 IN YEAR

Ten Per Cent Increase Added to All Existing Duties and Articles Now on Free List Are Taxed 10 Per Cent—Incomes Are Hit Hard—An Extra Tax of One-Third Added to All Individual Incomes for 1916.

Following are some of the articles in daily use which will be taxed under the new war revenue bill:

Stock Exchange Transactions—On each sale future delivery for each \$100 2 cents
 Capital stock on each original issue of \$100, 5 cents; on transfers on each \$100 face value 2 cents
 Bonds, debentures, etc., on each \$100 face value 5 cents
 Indemnity bonds, 50 cents; where premium is in excess of \$100 1 per cent of premium charge
 Drafts, checks, notes (and renewals or extensions) for each \$100 2 cents
 Deeds, conveying lands or realty, for the first \$100 to \$500, 50 cents; for each \$500 or additional or fraction 50 cents
 Life insurance policies (except industrial or weekly) 8 cents on each \$100
 Marine, international and fire insurance premiums 1 per cent
 Casualty policy premiums 1 per cent
 Freight bills 3 per cent
 Passenger tickets 10 per cent
 Steamship tickets for foreign port, \$10 to \$30, \$1; \$30 to \$60, \$3; exceeding \$60, \$5.
 Seats, berths or staterooms, rail or water 10 per cent
 Express rates 10 per cent
 Automobiles and motorcycles 5 per cent on wholesale price
 Tires 5 per cent
 Light, heat and telephone bills 5 per cent
 Telephone (long distance) 5 cents on each toll message over 15c
 Musical instruments 5 per cent on those costing over \$10
 Talking machines 5 per cent on those costing over \$10
 Jewelry 5 per cent
 Cosmetics and proprietary medicines 5 per cent on wholesale price
 Amusement tickets (charity excepted) 1 cent for each 10 cents of admission price, except where maximum is 5 cents.

Washington.—The administration war revenue bill was unanimously agreed upon by the house committee on ways and means and reported to the house Wednesday, is estimated to produce \$1,800,000,000 a year.

If the framers overlooked any tangible article upon which it is possible to levy a tax, it was not because of any desire to do so.

Incomes, inheritances, business profits, amusements, liquors, tobacco, automobiles, moving pictures, baseball games, medicines, letter postage, transportation and jewelry are among some of the things which will feel the burden of the tax.

Tariff Will Yield \$200,000,000.

The committee found it necessary to go to the tariff to make up a deficit of something like \$200,000,000. This was done by an agreement to a tax of 10 per cent upon all articles now on the free list and 10 per cent additional upon all articles now upon the dutiable list.

Income-tax increases as made public by Chairman Kitchin following:

Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1916, have been increased exactly one-third. These taxes are due in June.

Exemption limits have been reduced to \$1,000 for single men and \$2,000 for married men.

The normal tax on new classes of incomes to be taxed, those between \$1,000 and \$3,000 for single men and between \$2,000 and \$4,000 for married men, has been fixed at 2 per cent.

Normal taxes on all incomes formerly taxed, those above \$3,000 for single men and \$4,000 for married men, have been increased from 2 to 4 per cent.

Increases in All Surtaxes.

The increased surtaxes are as follows:

\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,500	1 per cent
7,500 to 10,000	2 per cent
10,000 to 12,500	3 per cent
12,500 to 15,000	4 per cent
15,000 to 20,000	5 per cent
20,000 to 40,000	6 per cent
40,000 to 60,000	8 per cent
60,000 to 80,000	11 per cent
80,000 to 100,000	14 per cent
100,000 to 150,000	17 per cent
150,000 to 200,000	20 per cent
200,000 to 250,000	24 per cent
250,000 to 300,000	27 per cent
300,000 to 500,000	30 per cent
500,000 and upwards	37 per cent

The inheritance tax starts with one-half of 1 per cent as the basic tax on all estates of \$50,000 or less. The remainder of the schedule is applied to the various excesses in graduation as follows:

Inheritance Tax Scale.

On excess of more than \$50,000, but not exceeding \$150,000, 1 per cent.

On excess of more than \$150,000, but not exceeding \$250,000, 1½ per cent.

On excess of more than \$250,000, but not exceeding \$450,000, 2 per cent.

On excess of more than \$450,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000, 2½ per cent.

On excess of more than \$1,000,000, but not exceeding \$2,000,000, 3 per cent.

On excess of more than \$2,000,000, but not exceeding \$3,000,000, 3½ per cent.

On excess of more than \$3,000,000, but not exceeding \$4,000,000, 4 per cent.

On excess of more than \$4,000,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000, 4½ per cent.

Lodging-Home Geometry.

Lenning is one thing and wit is another, but that does not prevent them from meeting at times in the same brain. One of the most amusing of those jests, which it takes a certain amount of scholarship to make or enjoy, was the collection of Euclidean axioms that Prof. Stephen Leacock of McGill university wrote some years ago for Truth. Here is one of the cleverest of them: If there be two boards on the same flat and the amount of side of the one be equal to

the amount of side of the other, each to each, and the wrangle between one boarder and the landlady be equal to the wrangle between the landlady and the other boarder, then shall the weekly bills of the two boarders be equal, each to each. For, if not, let one bill be the greater. Then the other bill is less than it might have been, which is absurd.—Youth's Companion.

On the Job.

The Sphinx knew how to keep her mouth shut and is still in business.

MISSION TO RUSSIA WILL START SOON

Elihu Root Will Have Support of Noted Men.

ROUTE TO BE KEPT SECRET

Chairman To Have Powers Of Special Ambassador—Associates Chosen With Special Regard To Conditions.

Washington.—Official announcement of the personnel of the American Commission to Russia marked a forward step in President Wilson's effort to thwart Germany's intrigues for a separate peace with the new democracy and to hold the Provisional Government fast to the cause of the world against Prussian autocracy.

Headed by Elihu Root, with powers of a special ambassador, the personnel of the commission was chosen with special regard to conditions in Russia, and the character of the new Government.

Besides Mr. Root, who represents the element of statesmanship with the distinction of having held many high offices in the United States, the commission comprises a Socialist, a labor leader, a banker, a manufacturer, a business man, a man celebrated for his international activities in human welfare and ranking army and navy officers.

The commission will be accompanied by a large suite and will depart from the United States at an early date by a route which will not be published in advance.

Men On Commission.

The members of the commission are:

Elihu Root, New York, chairman.
 Charles R. Crane, Chicago, manufacturer and business man.
 John R. Mott, of New York, general secretary international committee of Young Men's Christian Association.
 Cyrus McCormick, Chicago, president of the International Harvester Company.
 Samuel R. Berton, New York banker.
 James Duncan, vice-president American Federation of Labor.
 Charles Edward Russell, New York, author and Socialist.
 Maj.-Gen. Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff, United States Army.
 Rear-Admiral James H. Glennon, U. S. N.
 Bliss Temporary Chief of Staff.

The appointment of Major-General Scott as a member of the commission will only temporarily detach him from his office of Chief of Staff, and it was stated at the War Department that he would resume those duties immediately upon his return from Russia. During his absence Maj.-Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief, will discharge the duties of Chief of Staff.

Brig.-Gen. Francis J. Kernan, formerly colonel of the Twenty-eighth Infantry and stationed at El Paso, Texas, and who has just been promoted to be a brigadier-general, has been detailed to the General Staff as assistant to General Bliss during General Scott's absence.

Secretary Baker, in a formal statement, declared General Scott goes to Russia "in order that the people of Russia may realize from the dignity of office the full compliment and cordiality of our great mission to them."

Three Officers As Aides.

Three officers will go with the mission as aides to General Scott. They are Col. Robert E. L. Michie, of the General Staff; Lieut. Col. T. Bentley Mott, retired, former military attaché to the American Embassy at Petrograd, and Lieut. Col. William V. Judson, of the Engineer Corps, military observer with the Russian Army during the Russo-Japan war.

Colonel Judson previously had been assigned to organize and command one of the nine army engineer regiments to be sent to France for work on military communication lines.

WAR ON U-BOATS MORE TELLING.

Fact Shown In Secretary Of Navy's Speech To Reichstag.

Washington.—The increasing efficiency of the Allies in submarine destruction was recognized in a speech by the German Secretary of the Navy in the Reichstag on May 16. Official accounts of the speech reaching here report the German Secretary as saying that while the submarine warfare had achieved far greater results than was expected, a certain number of submarines had been lost as the result of improved means of destruction devised by the Allies.

MERGENTHALER IN BRONZE.

Bust Unveiled In Chicago By Old-Time Printers.

Chicago.—A bronze bust of Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the linotype machine, was unveiled at the Shepard School in commemoration of the sixty-third anniversary of the birth of the inventor. The presentation and unveiling were under the auspices of the Old-Time Printers' Association.

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THE MARKETS

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 hard, \$2.20; No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$2.24; No. 1 Northern Manitoba, \$3.15½, all nominal, f o b New York, to arrive.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, \$1.74 c f New York.

Oats—Spot easy; standard, 77¢@78c. Butter—Creamery higher than extras, 41½¢@42c; creamery extras (92 score), 41; firsts, 30¢@40¼; seconds, 37¢@38½.

Eggs—Fresh gathered extra, 36½¢; fresh gathered, storage packed, firsts, 35½¢@36; fresh gathered firsts, 34¢@35; State, Pennsylvania and nearby Western henry whites, fine to fancy, 36¢@36½; State, Pennsylvania and nearby henry browns, 36¢@36½.

Cheese—State, fresh, specials, 26½¢@27c; do, average run, 26¼¢@26½.

Live Poultry—Fowls, 23¼¢@24c; turkeys, 15¢@17. Dressed chickens, 23¢@31; fowls, 20¼¢@27; turkeys, 18¢@35.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat—No. 2 red, spot, \$2.25¢@2.30; No. 2 Southern red, \$2.23¢@2.28; steamer, No. 2 red, \$2.21¢@2.26; No. 3 red, \$2.21¢@2.26; rejected A, \$2.87¢@2.92; rejected B, \$2.83¢@2.88.

Rye—No. 2 Western, in export elevator, \$2¢@2.05 per bushel; small lots of nearby rye in bags, quoted at \$1.60 @1.70, as to quality.

Corn—Western, No. 3 yellow, \$1.69 @1.70; do, No. 4 yellow, \$1.67¢@1.68; do, No. 5 yellow, \$1.65¢@1.66; Southern, No. 3 yellow, \$1.65¢@1.67.

Oats—No. 2 white, 79¢@80c; standard white, 78¢@79; No. 3 white, 77¢@78; No. 4 white, 76¢@77.

Butter—Western, fresh, solid-packed creamery, fancy, specials, 44c; extras, 42¢@43; do, extra firsts, 41; firsts 40; seconds, 39½; nearby prints, fancy, 45; do, average extra, 43¢@44; do, firsts, 41¢@42; do, seconds, 40¢@40½; special fancy brands of prints were jobbing at 45¢@51.

Eggs—Nearby, firsts, \$1.50 per standard case; nearby current receipts, \$1.20 per case; Western extra firsts, \$1.35 per case; do firsts, \$1.20 per case; fancy selected carefully candled eggs were jobbing at 39¢@40c.

Cheese—New York, full cream, fancy, new, 27¼¢@27½¢; specials, higher; do, fair to good, new, 26¼¢@27c; part skims, 14¢@22.

Live Poultry—Fowls, as to quality, 23¢@40c; stagsy roosters, 18¢@20; old roosters, 16¢@17; spring chickens, not Lehighs, plump, yellow-skinned, weighing ¾@1¼ lbs apiece, 42¢@44; white Leghorns, weighing ¾@1¼ lbs apiece, 37¢@40; ducks, Peking, 30¢@32;

old, Indian Runner, 17¢@18; pigeons, do, per pair, 28¢@30; do, do, young, per pair, 20¢@25.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—Steamer No. 2 red, spot, \$2.82, and steamer No. 2 red Western, \$2.88.

Corn—Spot mixed and May corn, \$1.70½.

Oats—Standard white, 78c; No. 3 white, 77.

Rye—No. 2 rye, Western, \$2.15; No. 3, do, \$2.10¢@2.11; No. 4, do, \$2.09¢@2.10; bag lots, as to quality and condition, \$1.80¢@1.95.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$20; No. 2 do, \$18.50¢@19; No. 3 do, \$16¢@18; light clover, mixed, \$18¢@18.50; No. 1 do, do, \$17.50¢@18; No. 2 do, do, \$13¢@15; No. 1 clover, \$16.50¢@17.50; No. 2 do, \$14¢@16; No. 3 do, \$8¢@10.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$15.50¢@16; No. 2 do, do, \$14.50¢@15; No. 1 tangled rye, \$12¢@13; No. 2 do, do, \$10.50¢@11.50; No. 1 wheat, \$9¢@9.50; No. 2 do, \$8¢@8.50; No. 1 oat, \$10¢@11; No. 2 do, \$9¢@9.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 39½¢@40c; do, choice, 38¢@39; do, good, 36¢@37; do, prints, 40¢@41½; do, blocks, 40¢@41; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 28¢@30; West Virginia rolls, 28¢@30; storepacked, 28¢@30; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania daryl prints, 29¢@31.

Cheese—Dairy, 28c; flats, 28; long horn, 28.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby, 32c; Western, 32; West Virginia, 32; Southern, 31.

Live Poultry—Chickens, old hens, 4 lbs and over, 23c; do, small to medium, 23; do, white leghorns, 22; do, old roosters, 12¢@13; do, spring, 1 lb and over, 40¢@42; do, winter, 2 lbs and under 32¢@33; do, young, large, smooth, fat, 26¢@28; do, poor, rough and stagsy, 22¢@23. Ducks—Young Pekings, 3 lbs and over, 19c; do, puddle, do, 18; do, Muscovy, do, 18; do, smaller, 17. Pigeons—Young, per pr, 30c; do, old, do, 30. Guinea fowls, as to size, each, 35¢@45c.

Live Stock

PITTSBURGH.—Cattle—Choice, \$10.75¢@11.50; prime, \$11.75¢@12.25.

Sheep—Prime wethers, \$10.75¢@11.25; cull and common, \$4.50¢@7; lambs, \$10¢@14.25. Veal calves, \$13¢@13.25.

Hogs—Prime heavies, \$16.05¢@16.10; mediums, \$15.90¢@16; heavy Yorkers, \$15.50¢@16; light Yorkers, \$14¢@14.75; pigs, \$13¢@13.50; roughs, \$14¢@15.

CHICAGO.—Hogs—Bulk, \$15.65¢@15.95; light, \$14.80¢@15.85; mixed, \$15.35¢@15.95; heavy, \$15.50¢@16; rough, \$15.30¢@15.50; pigs, \$10¢@13.90.

Cattle—Native beef cattle, \$8.90¢@13.40; stockers and feeders, \$7.15¢@

\$9.90; cows and heifers, \$6.25¢@11.15; calves, \$8.50¢@13.

Sheep—Wethers, \$11.15¢@13.65; ewes, \$10.40¢@13.65; lambs, \$12.25¢@17.65.

KANSAS CITY.—Hogs—Bulk, \$15.25¢@15.80; heavy, \$15.75¢@15.95; packers and butchers', \$15.55¢@15.80; light, \$14.75¢@15.70; pigs, \$11¢@14.

Cattle—Prime fed steers, \$12¢@12.75; dressed beef steers, \$9.50¢@12; Southern steers, \$7.50¢@11; cows, \$6.50¢@10.75; heifers, \$9¢@11.50; stockers and feeders, \$8¢@11; bulls, \$8¢@10.25; calves, \$7.50¢@13.25.

Sheep—Lambs, \$14¢@17.60; yearlings, \$13¢@15.50; wethers, \$12.50¢@14.50; ewes, \$11¢@14.

BALTIMORE.—Calves—Veal, choice, per lb, 12½¢; good, do, 12; light, ordinary, do, 11; do, rough and heavy, per head \$9@20.

Lambs and Sheep—Sheep—No. 1, per lb, \$8¢@9c; do, old bucks, do, 6¢@7; do, common to fair, per head, \$2¢@4. Lambs, spring, 35 lbs and over, per lb, 15¢@16c; fair to medium, 14¢@15.

The report of the Liverpool Tramways for the past year is especially interesting. The striking features are that 13,500,000,000 more passengers were carried in 1916 than in the previous record year, which was the year before the war, and that, even with the enormous traffic handled, not one serious accident occurred.

Messina is the market of Eastern Sicily for essential oils, of which five, on request of the consulate, have been quoted daily for the past 10 months. These are the essences of lemon, orange (sweet), orange (bitter), bergamot (38 per cent.) and mandarin.

The million-dollar insurance fad didn't last long among Gotham's gold kings. It's the two-million-dollar habit now. J. P. Morgan took off \$2,500,000 and H. P. Davison, his partner, took out an extra million.

Lachnite, mounted and cut in the approved fashion, can scarcely be distinguished from the real diamond. This imitation is said to be able to stand every diamond test—fire, acid and the diamond file.

The Chilean Congress has authorized the sale of certain nitrate lands belonging to the government of Chile. The exact method of sale, whether by public auction or in private, has not yet been announced.

A blow on the jaw by his cousin, John Laskas, in a friendly boxing match at Newcastle, Pa., brought Mike Laskas' voice back to him after he had been unable to speak for a year.