

U. S. FINANCES NEVER BETTER, SAYS McADOO

America World's Money King, Secretary Tells Congress

URGES WILSON PROGRAM

AMERICAN FINANCES LEAD WORLD, McADOO ASSERTS

"Our financial resources are the greatest in our history, and our banking system is now the strongest in the world."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—"The financial situation of this country has never been so strong and so favorable as now," says Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo.

In connection with his report Secretary McAdoo also submitted to Congress an appendix comprising replies he received from the Dun and Bradstreet financial agencies and Roger W. Babson, noted statistician.

"Nothing in history parallels the recent phenomenal expansion in national activities, and it is significant of the existing state of the public mind that the advance is regarded as more than ephemeral."

"That the effects of the economic disturbance resulting from the war are steadily being removed is indicated by the fact that there were almost 57 per cent fewer involuntaries in the third quarter than in the first quarter, with a reduction of virtually 50 per cent in the amount of money involved."

"The report of Bradstreet's and that of Mr. Babson are equally glowing as regards both the domestic and foreign aspects of the situation as it concerns the United States."

Secretary McAdoo asserts that the financial condition of the Treasury is so strong that, even though no additional revenue-raising measures be put into effect, there will be a balance in the general fund on June 30, 1916, of \$22,644,995.

Should the \$200,000,000 expenditure be made on the Panama Canal be financed by the sale of bonds as provided by law, the net balance of June 30, 1916, would be \$5,644,995, according to the Secretary.

The Secretary estimates that total appropriations for the Government for the fiscal year, ended June 30, 1917, should be \$208,762,529, an increase over the 1916 appropriations of \$167,831,401.

The outlook for the fiscal year 1917, which will begin next July, is not so bright, Mr. McAdoo tells the Congress.

In his report, Secretary McAdoo declares that a deficit issue is inadvisable, and says that additional revenue may be raised by maintaining the present war tax and the sugar duty; by increasing the income tax and by greater care in collection of all taxes.

In view of this attitude of the Secretary, and the general feeling among Administration leaders that retention of the war tax and the sugar duty is inevitable, it is believed here that the Government will not be deprived of these sources of revenue, and this being the case, Mr. McAdoo says, an expenditure of \$30,800,000 on the preparedness program will roll up a deficiency of \$13,996,284 by June 30, 1917, the end of the 1917 fiscal year.

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ures that the total increase in revenue needed is \$12,806,394, provided \$3,000,000 worth of Panama Canal bonds are not sold.

SECRETARY'S SUGGESTIONS. Mr. McAdoo's suggestions for raising this additional revenue are to: Increase the corporation and personal income taxes by providing higher rates and, in the case of the personal income tax, reducing the \$5000 exemption for single persons and \$1000 exemption for married folk to \$2000 and \$3000, respectively.

COTTON SITUATION SAVED. Secretary McAdoo reports that the country is so prosperous that additional tax burdens can easily be borne.

INCOME TAX CHANGES. A number of amendments to the income tax law are recommended, as follows: Require information as to extent of income, rather than actual withholding, at the source, except as to nonresident aliens.

Require receivers, trustees, etc., to make returns. Prohibit corporations from deducting from taxable income on account of taxes paid for local benefits.

Make the income tax payable on June 15 instead of June 30 in order that the accounts may be finished by the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

The report says that customs receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, amounted to \$212,146,000, a decrease compared with the previous year of \$8,706,000.

The Secretary urges that all the port quarantine business of the country be removed from State jurisdiction and placed under the Federal Government.

FLIM-FLAMMED ON "HOSS" That's What Mr. Edwards, of Virginia, Says Happened When He Placed \$1000 on Stromboli

A gentleman peanut-grower from Virginia early today placed a cool thousand dollars on a race-hoss in a well-appointed apartment and lost. He is now touring the central section of the city with Detective Agnew in an endeavor to find the apartment, the two men who he says "flim-flammed" him and the \$1000 which he lost.

"Nevuh again will I visit youah city, sub," said the indignant plantation owner, T. M. Edwards, of Yushmore, Va., as he reported the loss to Captain of Detectives Cameron.

"The hoss, whose name is Stromboli, and who, I undustand is at present p'fawning at Jantrez, has an excellent record; sub, so have the two p'ussons who outwinded the excellent records—faw crookedness, sub, that is unheard of in Virginia."

According to Edwards, he left Virginia, a state second to none in the production of "goobers," several days ago to make a Northern trip. He arrived here Monday, and put up at a hotel on Arch street near 15th. There he met a man, whose name he did not learn, and through him was introduced to a "Mr. Miller."

"Mr. Miller was represented to me as being the gentleman who won back Judge Grinnell's fortune by playing the hosses," said Edwards. "It was prevailed upon to go to New York to get \$1000 and returned here today. I put the money on Stromboli; I lost. So did my friend, Mr. Miller, who all, my friend was very bituh against Mr. Miller and vowed he would shoot him and get my money back. Not being particular about gunplay, I prevailed upon my friend to leave with me. Then he disappeared."

Detectives are making every effort to capture the men, who are thought to be old hands at the game.

ONCE FAMOUS ACTRESS DIES AT DREXEL HOME

Madame Dardenne Lived in Institution Here for Fifteen Years

Madame Dardenne is dead. To the younger generation of Teutonic extraction perhaps this does not convey much, but to their parents and grandparents it will bring memories of days gone by, of the happy moments spent in the old Germania Theatre, at 2d and Green streets, when they laughed with Marie Dardenne over the footlights.

For several years the once-famous actress, known the world over, made a remarkable fight for her life. Two weeks ago she began to weaken rapidly and death was expected at any moment, but her remarkable constitution and unshaken cheerfulness kept her alive until last night.

Madame Dardenne was noted in both this country and Europe as one of the stage beauties of her time. She came to this country when 21 years old, but she had been a member of the Atlantic Grand Opera and the German element received her with open arms.

It was under his management that Philadelphia came to know and love Madame Dardenne, and she played at the old Germania Theatre until its usefulness was ended, 20 years ago.

Madame Dardenne's maiden name was Hummel. She was born in Nuremberg, Germany, July 25, 1837, and came to this country in 1858. Her husband also was an actor.

Germentown Apartment Robbed The police of the Germentown station are searching today for thieves who entered the apartment of Edward Clinch, Jr., of the School Lane Apartments, Germentown, and obtained jewelry valued at \$300.

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MORTON TO BOOST STADIUM

Councilman Says He Will Urge Construction of Great Outdoor Amphitheatre on Councils

Councils will be asked to build a stadium for Philadelphia, Judge Eugene C. Bonnell, speaking last night at a meeting of committees in charge of the subject, and in answer, Dr. Thomas J. Morton, Select Councilman from the 29th Ward, said he would do all he could toward the realization of the plan.

BOGER HEADS BOARD OF VIEW

Succeeds J. M. Hazlett, Who Becomes Recorder of Deeds

Charles W. Boger, one of the three attorneys in the membership of the Board of View, was yesterday elected president of the board, to succeed James M. Hazlett, who retires to become Recorder of Deeds.

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LICENSE COURT GRANTS SALOON TRANSFERS

Three Applications Receive Favorable Action—Many Others Refused

Judges Stanke and Patterson today handed down decisions in a number of cases heard at the October session of the License Court.

Joseph P. Staliker, 223 South 7th street to northwest corner 15th street and Oregon avenue; Michael J. Burke, 2106 Callowhill street to southeast corner Redfield street and Lansdowne avenue; same, to 6006-08 Haverford avenue; same to northwest corner 5th and Christian streets; same, to northwest corner 60th and Pine streets; Cornelius F. Donnelly, 218 Lancaster avenue to southwest corner 6th street and Lansdowne avenue; Rhydolph Swelofarth, 170 German-town avenue to northwest corner Rising Sun avenue and Cheltenham road; Patrick J. Malone, 102-01 North 3d street.

The following petitions were refused: Joseph P. Staliker, 223 South 7th street to northwest corner 15th street and Oregon avenue; Michael J. Burke, 2106 Callowhill street to southeast corner Redfield street and Lansdowne avenue; same, to 6006-08 Haverford avenue; same to northwest corner 5th and Christian streets; same, to northwest corner 60th and Pine streets; Cornelius F. Donnelly, 218 Lancaster avenue to southwest corner 6th street and Lansdowne avenue; Rhydolph Swelofarth, 170 German-town avenue to northwest corner Rising Sun avenue and Cheltenham road; Patrick J. Malone, 102-01 North 3d street.

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to northeast corner 34th street and Lehigh avenue; same, to 353 North 18th street; Michael J. Burke, 2106 Callowhill street to 1707 Butler street; John A. Boyle, 194 South 8th street to northwest corner 24th and Cambria streets; James Everett, southeast corner 24th and McKean streets to northeast corner 24th and Allegheny avenue; Samuel Pippit, 1319 Wharton street to northeast corner 21 street and Snyder avenue; Thomas F. Clark, 235-27 West Indiana avenue to northwest corner 12th street and Oregon avenue; Andreas Hirschman, 534 Richmond street to northwest corner Comly and Tacony streets; Charles Cullman, 809 West Thompson street to 952 North 34th street; Joseph Pfeiffer, 523 Germentown avenue to northeast corner 8th and Butler streets; John J. Winkler, 601 Sansom street to northwest corner 53d street and Girard avenue; Michael Kallala, 108 North 6th street to Gault and Westmoreland streets; Patrick McCusker, 125 South 5th street to 42 South 6th street; Joseph F. Sheridan, southwest corner 8th street and Girard avenue to southeast corner 14th and Thompson streets.

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