TAXATION BILL

Kitchin Calls Ways and Means Committee to Final Tussle

RAISE \$1,800,000,000

Sharp Divergence on Excess Profits Levy-Liquor Heavily Assessed in Proposed Measure

WASHINGTON, May 8. WASHINGTON, May 8
Insisting upon a report to the House not
later than tomorrow, and possibly late today, Chairman Kitchin, of the Ways and
Means Committee, called the committee
together today for a final tussle with the
war taxation bill. Chairman Kitchin told
the committee that a speeding un of its
work is imperative unless the adjournment
of Congress is to be much delayed. It is realized there will be lengthy debate in both the Senate and House over the tax bill, which will levy direct taxes amounting to nearly \$2,000,000,000.

bill was scheduled for report has week, but committee wrangles have delayed action. Several schedules have been rewritten and the committee has overlurned from day to day its issistive agreements. The fact that the bell da it stands today is estimated to produce only about \$1,600,000,000 instead of the \$1,800,000,600 wanted by the Treasury Department is the principal cause of the constant readjustment of rates.

TAX ON EXCESS PROFITS After agreeing yesterday to an excess profits tax of 14 per cent the committee reversed itself and today has voted to recommend an excess profits tax of 16 per cent. This item will cause a hard light in both bodies, as criticism is generally made that the excess profits tax as new levied is not equitable, favoring the overcapitalized concern and hitting hard the prosperous business of small capital. It is becoming more likely each day that the Senate Finance Committee will rewrite House bill. The House committee has held no hearings and protects are being received from virtually every industry in the country concerning the rates proposed. It is understood the Senate committee will start hearings as soon as the kloise bill is introduced and the measure may be completely rewritten in the imper chamber.

The present inhabit.

In a last effort to bring the estimated new revenue up to the \$1.800,000,000, asked by the Treasury Department, an amendment was adopted in committee, lowering the exemptions on the inheritance tax from \$20,-000 to \$25,000. The rates were left as they were until interitances of \$5,000,000 upward were reached, when a new levy of afteen per cent flat was fixed. The new

whisky tax of nimety cents a gallon was raised to \$1.10, making a total tax of \$2.10, while the new beer tax was raised from \$1 a barrel to \$1.25, making a total tax on beer, if the Congress accepts the committee report, of \$2.75 a barrel. This tax, the committee believes, will be so heavy it will automatically restrict the for business during the war and at the

virtually certain to undergo atteration belisted estimates to show the total tax each

Income tax new revenue: \$612.218.000
With the present tax, this will make the
schedules run from 4 to 50 per cent on in-

comes and with a new basis rate on corpor-ations of 5 per cent instead of 2.) Excess profit tax as yet undetermined. Distilled surrits (additional), 2003,000,000.

Fermented liquors, \$44,000,000. Wines, \$6,000,000

Soft drinks and syrups, \$20,000,000,

Cigara, \$11,000,000 Cigarettes, \$25,000,000 Tobacco, \$30,000,000 Snuff, \$2,000,000

Cigarette papers and holders, \$750,000. Advertising, a per cent of gross (news-papers and publications exempted). \$17,000,000.

Transpostation freight, 3 per cent, \$77,-

Express, 10 per cent, \$15,000,000. Express, 10 per cent, \$15,000,000.

Passenger, 10 per cent, \$75,000,000.

Pipe lines, 5 per cent, \$4,500,000.

Electric light and gas, domestic use, 5

per cent of gross bills, \$30,000,000.

Telephone and telegraph (5 cents).

Automobiles (5 per cent of gross sales),

Musical instruments (5 per cent). Motion pictures (1 cent a foot), \$7,900,000. Jewelry (5 per cent.) \$7,500,000.

Pleasure boats, \$500,000.
Perfumes and cosmetics (5 per cent), \$4,750,000. Proprietary medicines, \$8,500,000.

Chewing gum, \$1,000,000,
Admission tickets (1 cent on ten),
\$75,000,000.

Club dues (10 per cent of total paid). Playing cards, 8 cents a pack and other items, \$23,000,000

First-class mail increases, \$70,000,000. Second-class mail, \$19,000.000.

These last two items and the proposed rasoline tax of one cent a gallon. like that on excess profits, have not been defi-nitely agreed to. Two postal commit-tees will work with the Ways and Means

Urge Compulsory Insurance of Crews WASHINGTON, May 8.—The House in-terstate Commerce Committee today re-ported favorably a bill authorizing the Sec-retary of the Treasury to force ship owners vide insurance for their crews aga war risks, including injury, death or capture by an enemy.

U. S. May Buy Chesapeake Canal WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Secretary War is authorized by the rivers and arbors bill to enter into negotiation for the rchase of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and report to Congress the purchase

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EDING OF WAR BALFOUR CHEERED BY U.S. SENATORS

Does Not Believe Germany Will Be Victor Through U-Boats

HARD FIGHTING TO WIN

War Will Be Won by Fighting Hard, Balfour Tells Senate

THIS war is not going to be set-tled by the killing of a few help less neutrals nor by sending women and children to the bottom of the sea with torpedoes

is going to be won by hard fighting and when it comes to hard fighting, America, Britain and France need not fear to measure themselves against those who contend against all that we hold dear.— Arthur James Balfour, Foreign Minister of Great Britain in the American Senate today.

WASHINGTON, May 8. Foreign Minister Arthur James Balfour, Foreign Minister Arthur James Balfour, head of the Britain war mission to the United States, in a speech brimful of con-fidence in the obteome of the war, pre-dicted in the Senate this attenuou that the submarine memace would be defeated and that the war would be won by hard fighting. He addressed the Senate in the course of an afficial call of the whole British mis-vices on the urner house of Congress. sion on the upper house of Congress, ovation accorded the mission was ha

ovation accorded the mission was hardry least hearty than that extended to the French mission last week. Standing on the same rostrum from which Minister Viviani addressed the Senate last week. the British stateman throw such forces and vigor into his success that the Sonate

not minimize the gravity of the submarine warfare, but after all more than one difficulty of like magnitude has been overcome. This war is not going to be settled by the killing of a few beipless neutrals nor by sending women and children to the bottom of the sea with torpedoes. It is going to be won by hard fighting, and when it comes to hard fighting America, Britain and France and the property of the present of the property of the present of the property need not fear to measure themselves against those who contend against all that we hold

sides of the Atlantic must throw every effort upon the scales of right. Success will

surely crown those efforts."

Minister Balfour declared that the reception given the French and British mis-Sons in this country "grakes a new epoch in the relations of these free nations.

"In the alliance thus cemented lies recure the greatest hopes and the highest exdat titolo "Il faveglio della formania." pectations of future civilization."

ginning to fluid out their mistake. "They thought that we were maiorialists frompable of high fields and great sacrifices. On that miscalculation will be wrecked all their hopes. I speak with con-

fidence and with a confidence redombled since you have thrown in your jot." In introducing the Minister, Vice Presi-dent Marshall called him "the forcement champion of the Magna Charta.

"For more than a contary and a punfer," and the Vice President, "the one great reason for the exhibition of this body has

been to preserve the equality of all men be-fore the law. A few days since we had the pleasure of greeting the French commission. Today we are honored and, in return honor, he representatives of a untion hears centuries ago, in an age of almost ab-solute autocracy, compelled their king to give them the great charter of human Without that great charter and the United States would not today be

GREGORY DRAFTS ASSISTANT

F. C. Proctor, of Houston, Texas, "Conscripted" Into Department's Service

WASHINGTON, May 8 .- Attorney General Gregory has drafted F. C. Proctor prominent lawyer of Houston. Texas, to selst him during the period of the war, an advisory capacity on the big problems ow confronting the Department of Justice Mr. Proctor will serve without compensa-tion and without title, although in reality he will be an assistant attorney general.

INUTILI CONTRATTACCHI CITY PLANS STRENUOUS DI TEDESCHI IN FRANCIA

Le Nuove Linee Francesi ed Inglesi Resistono agli Sforzi Vigorosi di von Hindenburg

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA

ROMA, 8 Maggio.

La battagita di Francia continua. Attacchi si sviluppano qua e la contro le linea tedesche, sensa un'azione a fondo contro alcun settore particolare della fronte, ma clo' serve benissimo a costringere il nemico a continui spostamenti di truppe, a sposta-menti di artiglierie, ad un'azione irregolare di difesa che torna a tutto vantaggio degli alleati che hanno a loro disposizione tuta massa superiore di uomini e di artiglieria.

leri sera gli inglesi stringevano piu da presso il villaggio di Bullecourt, a sud della strada Arras-Cambrai, che forma una posizione importante per la difesa della linea tedezca, e dal canto loro i francesi aumen-tano la loro pressione sulle linee tedesche della Champagne e ad ovest di Rheims. Tanto sulla fronte inglese quanto su quella francese i tedeschi evilupparono nella giornata di ieri violentiazimi contrattacchi che non ebbero alcun risultato utile, di questi contrattacchi, il terzo della ser recentissima, si sferro nella zona de

recentissima, si sferro nella zona Souchez a sud-ovest di Lena, ma con Souchez a sud-ovest di Lena, ma ton diede à) tedeschi alcun vantaggio. Nei primo assalto i tedeschi riuscirono ad avvicinarsi alle frincee toglesi, ma l'ondata fo distrutta da un violento fueco di mitragiatrici e di eannoni di piveolo calibro. E cost, piu lontano, furono distrutte le ondate succer-sive che muovevano verso le posizioni dei marescisilo Haig.

Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerro pul-

i seguente rapporto del generale circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austrinea

nostre batterie ridussero al silenzio artiglierie nemiche che avevano iniziato un violento hombardamento delle nostre lince Sul rimanente della fronte del Trentino l'azione delle artiglierie fu ostacolata dalla pioggia e dalla nebbla Sulla fronte Giulia l'artiglieria nemica di ogni calibro cubego grande attività dal settore di Plava al mare

Le nostre batterie risposero vicerosa-mente ed efficacemente. Piccoli scontri di reparti di ricognizione ci hanno dato nocht prigionieri. possibilità del ristabilimento delle rela-

moni diplomatiche tra la Francia e la Santa-Seile. Si dice che il paps pubblichera una emiciliea per profestare contro la barbarie sulegnia dalle forze tedesche nei distretti franced evacuati da von Hindenburg il cardinale Amette ed il cardinale Lucon hanny invisto al pape un impera rathorio contenente informazioni dettagliate basate conbanze personali e fotografie aufurone trascinate via e ne dicono l'eta' ed !

La Gazzetta di Losanna, che ordinari-amente non raccoglie le voci di disturbi interni in Germania ed e sempre bene L'autore dell'articolo comincia coi dire Britain when the war broke out.

"The therman's jumped rashly to the conclusion," he said, "that because we were unprepared we were either afraid to fight our part in the fighting would be wholly negligible. They are be sompre preparate in silenxio. sipario e sentire bene non vi puo esser

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Trap System Expected to Be Used in Saloons and on Curb Markets

Plans for carrying the summer campaign sgainst flies into the saloons and curb market districts by means of fly traps were outined today by Dr. Herman Hornig, city ntomologist, at a meeting of the co-operative committee for fly extermination in the Chamber of Commerce.

The flies in this city could be actually terminated, Doctor Hornig said, if a sufthe proper places and supervision were ef-fected to guard the traps against the depre-dations of mischlevous children.

Doctor Hornig has lent the committee a interesting exhibit, framed in a glass case, which will be placed in the baby-may-ing booth in City Hall countyard as an illustration of how flies carry disease. The oper method of trapping flies is also Raymond Cornell, medical director in the public schools, reported that a special set of slides on the fly prepared by Doctor

Hornig, will be shown throughout the public schools. The first exhibition will be given at 5 o'clock Monday morning in the William Penn High School, and members of the committee are invited to be present.

Within the next few weeks the committee on stable inspection will have some 3500

The Week of Vital Interest to the

DEA

tality

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Blown-up Dye Plant at Kings-

port, Tenn.

de Nemours & Co. that it was in any way

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stuff and Chemical Company, one-third of

whose big munition plant at Kingsport,

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TWO WORKMEN HURT IN OLNEY COLLAPSE

Three Walls Topple, and Laborers Are Buried Under Falling Bricks

it was planned originally, our work was to have ended within two months. The Eureau of Health has asked us, however, to extend our work throughout the summer, and this will be possible if we can get 100 Two workmen were burled under an Mrs. Sura B. Adams, chairman of the publicity committee, reported that thousands of posters in English, Yiddieb, Russian and Italian have been distributed, and that all tvalanche of bricks and seriously injured today with the collapse of three walls of a two-story building under construction at the routheast corner of Fifth street and Olmy avenue. The injured are Michael Shanley, twentythe stable inspectors have been furnished with copies of a disinfecting formula for circulation among the stable owners.

right years old, 3029 Cedar street, and John T. Brown, twenty-six years old, 1855 Wensley street. Both were removed to the Jewish Hospital suffering from lacerations, broken and interest includes.

brutses and internal injuries The men were employed by a firm of con-

tractors at 253 Duncannon street. The north wall of the building fell first with a crash, and then two other walls collapsed, burying Brown and Shanley. Four other burying Brown and working bricks. They joined forces and soon extricated Brown and Shanley and sent the injured men to the hospital.

Court Aids Farmers in Crop Planting WASHINGTON, Pa., May 8.—There will he no May term of Common Please Court in Washington County. This announcement was made by Judge McIlvaine. Court for the term was discontinued so farmers, who would have to serve, can remain on their farms and thus be able to plant heir crops. Cases listed for May have been continued to November.

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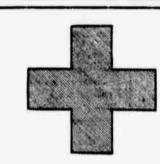


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