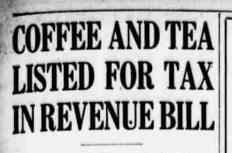
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Measure as Reported Fixes One and Two Cents a Pound

LIST ABOLISHED FREE

WASHINGTON, May 9. The \$1.800,000,000 war taxation bill was formally ordered reported to the House

today by the Ways and Means Committee, Chairman Kitchin said the report would be presented later today and would have the unanimous and nonpartisan backing of the committee.

The levying of a consumption tax of one cent on coffee and two cents on tea was voted today by the committee. This was the only essential change made in the bill as

made public in its fundamental provision. Representative J. Hampton Moore, Re-publican, of Pennsylvania, voted "present" publican, of Pennsylvania, voted "present" today. He announced he would not file a minority report on the bill, but told the committee he regarded some of the taxes in the bill as inequitable. A tax on conton was one of the things Moore desired to go into the measure. An agreement was reached to take up the bill tomorrow morning. By unanimous consent the House will meet tomorrow at

consent the House will meet tomorrow at 11 o'clock to get an early start on the MANUTE.

Answering a question by Minority Leader Chairman Kitchin, Democratic floor leader, said he hoped to pass the bill Sat-urday night. Mr. Mann said he belleved the debate would run longer than that time. as members of the House would not have opportunity to read the report of the com-mittee until tomorrow and the importance of the bill demanded close scrutiny and quate discussion.

TEA AND COFFEE TAXES The paragraph covering tea and coffee

taxes reads: That upon all coffee or tea here-tofore imported into the United States which are held on May 10, 1917, or any day between such date and the day sur ceding the day this act is passed. by any person, corporation, partner-hip or association (except a retailer who does not sell coffee or tea at whole-sale) and intended for sale, there shall levied, assessed, collected and paid a tax of one cent per pound in the case of coffee and of two cents per pound in the case of tea.

No consumption tax on sugar was in-cluded, although there has been before the committee proposals for a tax on sugar, tea and coffee.

NO FREE LIST

The most striking feature of the bill is the decision of the committee to place a 10 per cent ad valorem duty on all articles now on the free list, under the Under-wood tariff, and to provide for a horizontal increase of 10 per cent in the present tariff schedules

This is a departure from the Democratic

GANS, CONVERTED, **Revised Income Tax Rate** to Raise Revenue for War PUSHES DOPE BILL THIS table is based on an exemption of \$2000 for heads of families For persons unmarried and not heads of families the exemption is \$1000: Maybe Pressure, or Change of Heart, Assures 'Teeth'

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RETRACTS HIS DEFIANCE By a Staff Correspondent HARRISBURG, May 9.

The last obstacle to the enactment of drastic anti-narcotic legislation was removed today.

Yesterday Sigmund J. Gans, chairman of the House Committee on Public Health and Sanitation, expressed himself as indifferent to the passage of any law curbing the drug traffic in Pennsylvania, but over night he seemed to have had a change of heart or succumbed to the pressure of public sentiment. Today he'gave his pledge that he would favor a bill "with terth."

Gans is a Penrose-McNichol representative from the Thirty-eighth Ward, Philadelphia. Yesterday he proclaimed his inde-pendence of popular sentiment in the following terms

The dope bill is bothering everybody in the Legislature except me. You can be sure that there will be an entirely new bill reported out of committee, if any. Whether the new bill is reported out or not depends upon the weather. If it is fair, it may be reported out if it is raining, it will not be reported

In these laconic sentences Gans gave expression to his entire indifference as to the fate of the proposed anti-narcoile legislation. His entire change of from oday, however, furnished assurance that the last obstacle to the measure was removed

policy, but was found to cessary to raise the revenue. It is expected \$200,000,000 will be raised at the custon houses. The committee decided upon a tax of 16 per cent on excess profits over 5 per cent, with an exemption of \$5000. Income taxes were increment. The uncome taxes were The Public Health and Sanitation Commitiee of the House will meet next week, and will report out a bill that is a combinaincreased. The income taxes were made retroactive to the calendar year of 1916. ion of the Vare and Whitaker bills, and that will be the most stringent of any law now in force anywhere else in the country. if the expectations of its sponsors are Increase calculated to raise \$100.000,000 were made in inheritances, while the retro-active feature of the income taxes is ex-pected to yield an additional \$100,000,000. realized.

The committee met late yesterday, but Whisky taxes were placed at \$2.20 a galfailed to take any definite action on an anti-dope bill, because of the absence of Representative Sullivan, of Allegheny, Sul-livar, had the new bill, and had agreed to on, and beer at \$2.75 a barrel, the highest marks in the history of the Government. Automobiles and pleasure boats are to be offer it in committee in place of one he introduced at the request of Captain Archi-baid Mackerell, of the Pittsburgh detective taxed on a basis of 5 per cent at the Most of the other taxes have been previously outlined. The rich man must pay heavily, but the bureau.

Sullivan is ill this week, and therefore was unable to attend yesterday's meeting. He will be here next week, however. Apparently all of the forces in the com-mittee and in the legislature at large have united finally behind a stringent bill. The burden is proportionately distributed all down the ling by the bill. While it is not sufficient to darry out the President's idea

of a "pay-as-you-go" war, it will meet the \$2,000,000,000 short-term certificates of in-debtedness in less than eighteen months. druggists' lobby that has been active for several weeks abandoned its fight. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for next Tuesday afternoon, when The new stax will take one-third of in-comes of \$500.000, and runs up to where it takes virtually half of incomes over \$2,-

Sullivan will offer the new bill. It will be reported out with a favorable recor Incomes, inheritances and excess profits on. The new measure will be known as the

constitute the framework of the bill. The rich man is hit hard, whether his wealth be incomes from investments, estates left The new measure will be known as the Vare-Mitaker bill, as it embraces all of the strong features of both the Vare and the Whitaker measures that were intro-on the capital invested in business. The bill, however, goes from the big things to little things, affecting virtually every man, woman and child in America.

French Mow Down Foe on Aisne Heights

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ing of the German line with prodigal mass-ing of reserves. The German artillery is pouring a flood of shells over the British positions.

The British artillery is endless'y blasting away at the enemy. The fighting is for the most part in waves of small sections of troops, who dash forward, are met by German detachments and who clinch in hand-to-hand fighting. Positions are ad-vanced and pulled back as the tide swings from side to side.

Northeast of Hargicourt the German ines were bent back slightly by the Britsh thrusts.

Northeast of Gavrelle the Germans made strong attacks, but were repulsed. The new British positions west of Fresnoy have been consolidated and strengthened.

We have advanced slightly northeast of Hargicourt. An enemy attack north-east of Gravelle was completely re-pulsed. Hostile forces concentrating for an attack north of Fresnoy were dispersed by our artillery fire. We have improved our positions west of Fresnoy. By counter-attacks we have regained part of the ground lost in that sector vesterday. We have advanced slightly northeast sector yesterday.

While the Germans were thus endeavor ng to prevent realization of the British scheme of crumbling the northern pivotal point of their line they were staging an-other tremendous counter-offensive movement against a similar menace on the southern pivot, in the French hold on Chemin des Dames. The earlier statement given out by the

The earlier statement given out by the British War Office follows: "Around Freenoy hostile forces concen-trating for an attack to the north were dispersed by our artillery," the British commander-in-chief reported. "To the west we improved our position and a night counter-attack regained us a portion of the second box variable.

portion of the ground lost yesterday morn

"At night slightly northeast of Hargiourt we advanced our position." the report ontinued. "Northeast of Gavrelle village yesterday evening the enemy attacked, but was broken up by our barrage and tra-chine.gun fire, being completely repulsed

"East of Armentieres early this morn ing an enemy raiding party was driven off." Bullecourt, encircled on three sides by Australian troops, was about to fail today to the British battering ram against the so-called German "Oppy line" running from around Oppy to Queant. Penetration of the German positions at Bullecourt, i was believed here, would imperil the Ger-man front on the Oppy line and possibly force a retreat for its entire distance the belief of military experts it might for



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cast abandonment to the north of the coal region and around Lens. The Bullecourt operations were held to

The Bullecourt operations were held to-day to be of more importance than those around Freshoy. Recapture of the city by the Germans, however, is a setback to the British aim at circling the end of the Oppy line. Front dispatches today indi-cated the issue at Freshoy had by no means been decided. British troops are endeavoing by violent artillery fire and endeavoring by violent artillery fire and repeated infantry assaults to shake the German grip on the village. to the German's grip on the tich coal

The Vimy Ridge is the strategic strip

of high ground running south from the Lens sector to the east of Arras. It was captured by storm by the Canadians in the first rush of the new British offensive on April

Fresnoy had been stormed by dians on May 3, and ever since 9 and 10, and this success opened up the way for other British successes in the fighting had raged there. After severe days that followed. Vincy Ridge was a strong link in the defenses of the northern end of the Hindenburg line, and formed a natural bar-rier south of Lens. The first real menace

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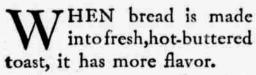
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There is savage fighting all along the front from a point south of Lens to the sector of Bullecourt. The text of the War Office statement fol-

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Mother's Day

Founder of Mother's Day Sends a Patriotic Message to Philadelphia Mothers

N SUNDAY'S Public Ledger Miss Anna Jarvis, the Philadelphia woman who founded Mother's Day, sends a message to mothers.

It is a clarion call to American women. Miss Jarvis tells them that their sons are needed in America's defense, and that mothers along with husbands, sons and brothers must line up as brave and enduring patriots.

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