

**TAX ON PARCEL POST IN EFFECT TOMORROW**

All Packages of 25 Cents or Over Subject to 1-Cent Revenue

**PLAYING CARDS ARE HIT**

Many Other Articles Also Affected by Ruling—Doubt About Checks and Drafts

Beginning tomorrow, all parcel post packages will be subject to a tax of one cent when the transportation charges are twenty-five cents or more, and playing cards will bear an additional five-cent tax, according to the provisions of the war tax law of 1917, effective December 1. The tax is to be paid in the form of stamps which are now on sale at the internal revenue office in the Federal building.

Doubt as to whether drafts or checks payable otherwise than on sight or demand are to be taxed was expressed today by Federal officials. The bill to levy a two-cent tax when the check or draft did not exceed \$100 and two cents for each additional \$100 was defeated on the floor of the House, but although defeated opinions differ as to whether or not it will be reintroduced in the Senate.

Collector of Internal Revenue Ephraim Lederer is awaiting a ruling from Washington.

The following amount in stamps will have to be placed on all documents and articles listed below:

On each \$100 or fraction of the face value of bonds, debentures, or certificates of indebtedness, issued on and after tomorrow by any person, corporation, partnership, or association; five cents. Every renewal of the foregoing shall be taxed as a new issue.

Bonds for indemnifying any person or corporation, who shall have become bound or engaged as surety, and all bonds for the execution of any contract or duty or office and all other bonds, with the exception of those that may be required in legal proceedings, fifty cents.

On each original issue of certificates of stock by any association or company, whether upon organization or reorganization, five cents for every \$100 of face value or fraction thereof. Where capital stock is issued without face value, the tax will be five cents per share. The stamps representing the tax imposed under this subdivision of the law, should be attached to the stock books and not to the certificates issued.

For every \$100 or fraction of the face value of all sales, agreements to sell, memoranda or deliveries of sales, or transfers of legal titles, two cents. Where such shares of stock are without par value, the tax will be two cents on the transfer of each share. The same tax applies to the sales of produce or exchange.

A tax of fifty cents is placed on conveyances which exceed the sum of \$100 and do not exceed \$500, with an extra tax of fifty cents for each additional \$500 or fractional part.

Entry of any goods at the Custom House either for consumption or warehousing and not exceeding \$100 in value, twenty-five cents. If the value exceeds the above amount the tax will be fifty cents and \$1 will be the levy should the value of the goods exceed \$500. All withdrawals from the Custom House will cost fifty cents each.

One dollar is the amount of tax that will be placed on a steamship ticket which costs the purchaser \$20. If it costs more than \$20 and less than \$50, the purchaser must pay \$2, while \$5 will be the sum exacted if the purchasing figures total more than \$50.

Proxies, except religious or educational, will be subject to a tax of ten cents and the power of attorney faces a tax of twenty-five cents.

All parcel post packages will be subject to a tax of one cent each when the transportation charges are twenty-five cents or more.

Playing cards, containing not more than fifty-four cards to a deck will have to pay a tax of five cents in addition to the other tax imposed under this law.

The law is exceptionally stringent in regard to those who do not pay the tax. It reads that any evasion will be considered a misdemeanor and a fine not exceeding \$1000 shall be imposed or a sentence to not more than six months' imprisonment, or both, at discretion of the court.



**SERGEANT GEORGE M. ADAMS**  
Returning with Major General Charles M. Clement, Sergeant Adams, who was the first enlisted man in the Pennsylvania National Guard to be in the trenches while a battle was in progress, arrived at his home, 7162 Ridge avenue, in time to spend Thanksgiving Day with his family.

**GUARDSMAN, BACK FROM FRANCE, SAW FIGHTING**

Philadelphia Sergeant Says Germans Are Glad to Be Captured. Brings Back Souvenirs

German soldiers for the most part are glad to fall into the hands of the Allies, according to Sergeant George M. Adams, of 7162 Ridge avenue, who accompanied Major General Charles M. Clement to France on his recent observation trip.

"I met a great many German prisoners," he said, "and with very few exceptions they were glad they had been captured. I asked several of them why, and they always replied, 'Now we are through with this war.'"

"During the attack on Fort Malmoussin and its capture by English and French troops, three Germans were captured and brought in unconscious. One of the men was so bitter, however, that on regaining consciousness he committed suicide by cutting his throat with a jackknife. The other two seemed to be glad they had been captured."

Observations were made in the vicinity of the Aisne, and Adams obtained several trophies, including helmets, belts, and notched bayonets.

Adams is attached to the Quartermaster's Department at Camp Hancock. He is one of the first guardsmen to have witnessed a battle in France. He is visiting his parents in this city on his week's furlough and will return to duty next Monday.

**SEVEN WORKMEN INJURED BY EXPLOSION ON BOAT**

Carelessness in Carrying Lighted Candle Into Gasoline Vapor Causes Accident

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 30.—Seven men were injured, several seriously, in an explosion on a small boat at the wharves of the American Gas and Battery Company today. The boat was nearing completion and the explosion resulted from a workman taking a lighted candle into the hold and lighting gasoline vapor. While the boat was hauled out to the marine railway for repairs.

The injured, all of whom are expected to recover, are in the Delaware Hospital. All are residents of Wilmington. They are Franklin Wright, Herbert Hordman, Karl Nuttall, Edward Simmons, William A. Morse, James Fitzharris, Joseph Higgins.

**GEN. PENNINGTON FALLS DEAD**

Stricken With Heart Disease While on Way to Relative's Funeral

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 30.—Major General Alexander C. M. Pennington, eighty, U. S. A., retired, today fell dead in the Pennsylvania station here.

General Pennington was born in Newark, but had not been here before for fifty years. He was returning to attend the funeral of a daughter of former Governor Pennington, of New Jersey, when stricken with heart disease.

**WILL SUBJECT MEANS TO SEVERE GRILLING**

Prosecution Will Force Accused, on Cross-Examination, to Explain Documents

COURTHOUSE, Concord, N. C., Nov. 30.—Gaston B. Means will undergo the scathing cross-examination of Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, of New York, before his trial for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King ends. This was decided today when it was learned that the defense has reached a decision to have Means take the stand in his own defense. The State is anxious to get Means upon the stand, for they have numerous documents which they want him to explain. Most of these documents contain information which gives evidence that Means desired to have Mrs. King out of the way.

Expert testimony was scheduled to take up most of the day. Dr. William G. Burmeister, Cook County (Ill.) Coroner's physician and a pathologist, was on the stand for cross-examination. Doctor Burmeister had testified that he examined Mrs. King and did not believe that she could have killed herself under any condition. E. T. Candler, for the defense, put Doctor Burmeister through a series of intricate questions last night, but failed to shake his testimony.

After Dr. Burmeister, the State offered the hardest witness for the defense—Dr. Otto Schultze, expert witness of New York. Dr. Schultze gave it as his expert opinion in answer to a hypothetical question, that Mrs. King could not have killed herself. There is every indication now that the State will not finish the evidence which it has until tomorrow. There are several more Chicago witnesses to be heard.

**SCORES STRONG POINT FOR MRS. DE SAULLES**

Alienist Declares Woman Was Not Responsible When She Killed Her Husband

MINEOLA, N. Y., Nov. 30.—Answering a 20,000-word hypothetical question which took an hour and twenty minutes to read, Dr. J. Sherman Wight, defense alienist, declared today that Mrs. Blanca de Saulles was "not responsible" when she killed her divorced husband, John L. de Saulles.

"Under New York State law a person who 'lacks responsibility' at the time of committing a crime cannot be punished for it. By his reply to the long question Dr. Wight declared that Mrs. de Saulles 'did not know the nature and quality of the act committed,' and that she was not mentally sound on the night of August 3 when she shot de Saulles.

"Every juror in the box has said he will acquit Mrs. de Saulles if he has a 'reasonable doubt' of her sanity on that night.

The 20,000-word question was read only once, all alienists being in the room and listening at the same time. Mrs. de Saulles, who had entered cheerfully, looked downcast and the slight color faded from her cheeks as Defense Counsel Smith read the lengthy query, which made mention of all the sadness and tragedy in her life. One of the jurors dozed. He was awakened by his neighbor.

District Attorney Weeks made several objections, but they were overruled. He attacked Doctor Wight's right to testify as an alienist. Wight asserted he was a qualified examiner for the State Lunacy Commission. He added that Mrs. de Saulles suffered from pressure on the brain; that she had sustained a series of psychic shocks and that she was afflicted with hypothyroidism.

**SAVING FRENCH PEOPLE BIG PROBLEM OF AGE**

Hoover Says \$1,500,000,000 Will Be Required Just to Give Refugees a Start

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—It would bankrupt 1500 American millionaires just to put the people of devastated northern France back in mental and physical shape to take care of themselves.

This was learned today in statements to the United Press from Herbert Hoover and the American Red Cross. The Red Cross announced that it has appropriated \$400,000 to start rehabilitation of northern France's 3,000,000 ruined citizens, and Hoover declared the preliminary work will cost not less than \$1,500,000,000.

This amount would provide only the most meager of rough shelter, limited amounts of the plainest food and clothing and a few architectural implements. Retrieving their lost homes, fortunes, flocks, herds, roads, pastures, wells, orchards, towns, villages and communication facilities will be left to the people themselves and will take years and years and many millions of dollars.

The Red Cross work, cables said, has been begun among the people in the wheat districts, with the idea of relieving the food situation as quickly as possible. Four villages, with a total of 1200 souls, were selected for the first \$400,000.

"This is probably the greatest problem of all the war," said Hoover. "Virtually every village was utterly destroyed. The

WANTS GIRL CAR CONDUCTORS  
Pittsburgh Railways Company Advertises for Substitutes for Men

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 30.—The Pittsburgh Railways Company today advertised for girls to be conductors on the street railways.

The company's move to employ young women in that capacity followed a controversy between officials of the company and the carmen's union.

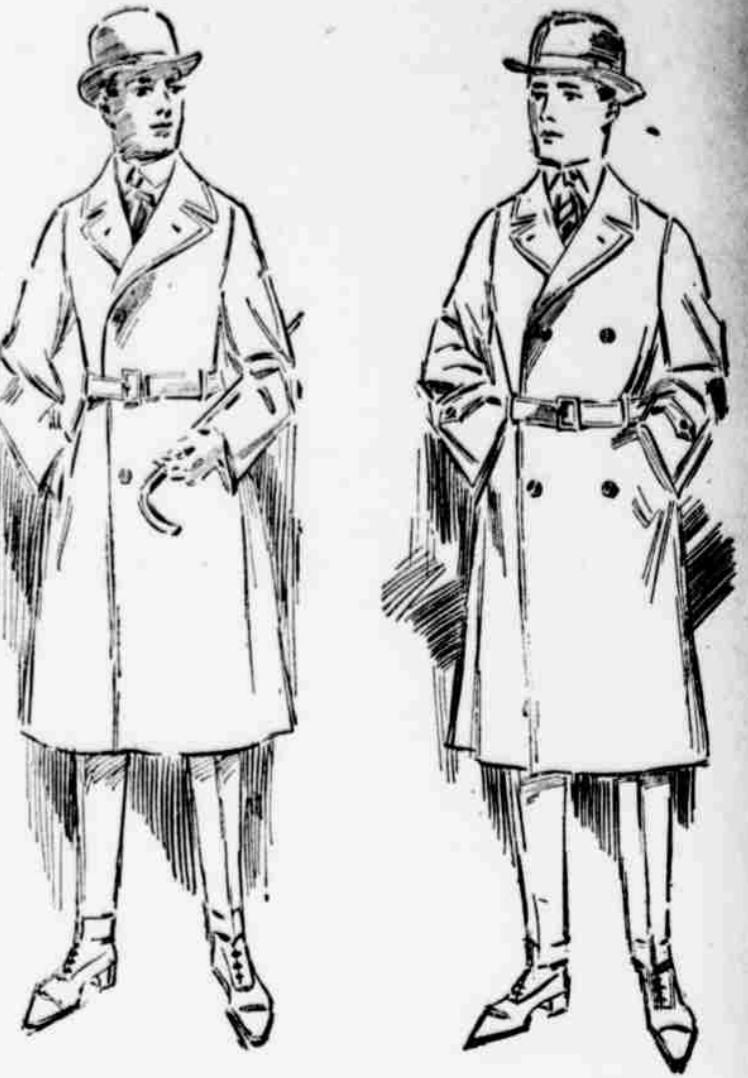
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At \$25, \$30 and \$35, Raglan shoulder Overcoats with trench belts or without them—the smartest combination of fit, comfort and swagger ever put into a coat! For other tastes, there are kimono-sleeve Coats, shapely-back Coats, and conservative models—all in fabrics, weaves and patterns that are beautiful.

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**SEVENTEEN THOUGHT TO BE DEAD IN MINE BLAST**

Rescue Parties Unable to Reach Victims Entombed 500 Feet Underground

CHRISTOPHER, Ill., Nov. 30.—Seventeen men entombed by an explosion last night in mine No. 11, of the Old Ben Mining Company, are all believed dead today. A careful check revealed that there were but seventeen instead of eighteen men in the shaft at the time.

At 11 A. M. rescue parties had failed to penetrate the wreckage, 500 feet underground, to reach the victims. Two of the men, it is said, are Frank Beamer, chief electrician, and T. Keller, night foreman.

Krusen Commends Red Cross Seal  
Approval of the Red Cross Christmas seal campaign of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis was given by Director Krusen, of the Department of Public Health and Charities, who pointed to the great strides already made in checking the white plague.

German Guards Discharged  
Two Germans employed on guard duty on a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tugboat lying off the B. and O. North Pier No. 22 on the Delaware River near Vine street, were discharged, according to officials there, on the ground they were alien enemies. The order for the discharge came from Government agents.

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