

PROFITEERS WILL PAY HEAVY TAXES

Framers of Revenue Bill to Go After Ill-Gotten Wealth

RETROACTIVE MEASURE

Will Virtually Amount to Seizure of Super-War Profits

By the United Press Washington, July 17. The House Ways and Means Committee is going after the ill-gotten wealth of the war-contract profiteer in framing a new \$8,000,000 revenue bill.

A retroactive tax bill, which will amount to virtual seizure of super-profits resulting from war Government contracts, particularly as they touch cantonnement buildings and other "cost-plus" arrangements, has the almost unanimous backing of the committee.

Several members made the additional suggestion that as each individual case of profiteering is developed it be called to the attention of the public and the Government department involved.

The first step in the committee's profiteer hunt will be an inquiry into six weeks in which to frame a bill, the committee is willing to spend half the time, if necessary, at this, and every facility of the Treasury Department has been offered the committee in its probe.

This profiteering exists, sufficient to warrant such an inquiry, is shown by the President's utterance that the "profiteer is with us" by the recent Federal trade commission report and Treasury Department data, committee members hold.

This profiteer has been clinched by additional data in the hands of the House committee. This includes the case of a coal company which made 2000 per cent and the case of an individual whose income jumped from \$5500 to \$200,000 in a single year.

The determination of the committee to go the limit in making war profits is based on the belief that normal business and the country at large should not be asked to bear additional tax burdens until the gains of a few conspicuous individuals and firms are turned back into the Federal Treasury.

The committee's course also means that it has rejected the argument that there must be large profits if the Treasury is to realize any considerable amount of excess profits and income taxes. This contention, coming largely from financial centers, is to the effect that the committee would even be justified in encouraging heavy profits to open broader fields of taxation.

"The argument is akin to saying to the burglar to rob your store so he will have money to buy groceries," one committee member said. "We prefer to stop the profits at the source."

The committee today was to end its hearings with statements from L. L. Somers and other officials of the war industries board concerning the platinum investigation.

Following the hearing, Chairman Kitchin will submit his skeleton bill and actual framing of the measure as it will go to the House will be put under way.

MADAME VICTORICA ILL

German Subject Has Pneumonia at Ellis Island Hospital

New York, July 17.—Madame Marie K. de Victorica, a German subject, is dying with pneumonia at the Ellis Island hospital.

It was reported as a curious coincidence that Madame Despina Davidovitch Storch, said by the Government to have been an agent of the Imperial German Government, died suddenly of pneumonia on Ellis Island, March 30, before being brought to trial. Her death was made the subject of a secret investigation.

FRANCE ENDS MEATLESS DAYS

Decree Abolishing Them Goes Into Effect July 20

Paris, July 17.—The abolition of meatless days in France after July 20 is decreed in a decree issued today.

Shortage of meat in France caused the food ministry on last April 25 to order three meatless days a week. On May 14 a meat card system went into effect, but it is probable the present decree does not affect this system.

JAMES J. SPRINGER DIES

Theatre Manager and Former Newspaperman Long Ill

James J. Springer, fifty-two years old, for years manager of the Imperial, Strand, Cross Keys and other theatres, died at the home of friends, 409 Chestnut street. Funeral arrangements have not been made public.

NEWS OF OUR SHIPYARD ARMY

SHIPMEN'S QUARTET ON FISHING JAUNT

Izaak Walton Club Will Take Singers Along to Insure Lively Trip

Members of the Izaak Walton Club of the Pusey & Jones Wilmington plant breathlessly await next Saturday afternoon, when they will crowd on the company's cabin cruiser Pandion, only forty-five feet long, and if they don't sink her by sheer weight will try their luck with rod and reel.

The party will drop anchor in Co-hansey Creek Saturday evening and at Benny's buoy, near Ship John Light, Delaware Bay. That's where they intend to romp with the fishes all day Sunday.

H. G. McDowell, sales engineer, who always acts as commissary on such occasions, will supply the boat with pure aqua and nothing stronger. Anything else in the beverage line that gets by the commissary will necessarily be in harmless quantities.

A first-class chef will be on the job, and the Pusey & Jones Quartet will contribute to the merriment. The party will have to take the quartet as it is. Those who are particular about the vocal quillies had better remain at home.

Charlie Spiegelhalter and Harvey Volk are the tenors and Frank Sawin and Jack McGowan basses. Among others who are going on the trip are George Sands, George Chandler, Samuel Bratton, Edwin Keyser, Andrew Spiegelhalter, Jr., James Bradford and Thomas Jackson.

CHESTER ROMANTIC RUMOR

Storekeepers' Clerks Interested in Report of Approaching Wedding

The clerks in the storekeepers' department at the Chester shipyard are keenly interested in a rumor that Miss Helena Shaw, a stenographer, is to be married to Sergeant James Hannum, United States Infantry, just before he sails for France.

Miss Shaw is declared to be one of the "best little waiters in the world," and no matter how long it takes her "Jimmie" and his pals to get the Kaiser, when he comes back from the war, everything will be all right, his fiancée's chums say.

CHANGES AT BRISTOL

L. S. Walters, traffic manager for the Merchants' Shipyard, at Bristol, has resigned and Edmund C. McClanem has been appointed in his place.

J. R. Wells has been transferred from the works department to the assistant general manager's office, and John A. Penny has taken his place with the title of assistant chief.

SHIPWORKER IS ROBBED

Two Arrests Follow Hold-Up of Gloucester Man

Patrick O'Looney, of the New Jersey shipyard, Gloucester, says he was attacked last Saturday night at Gloucester and robbed of his gold watch and chain and \$8. Samuel Sterling, of Division street, Gloucester, and Frank Lynch, Arlington street, Camden, both shipyard workers, have been arrested charged with the offense. They were held under \$100 bail each by Mayor Anderson, of Gloucester, for their appearance at the next term of court to answer to the charge of assault on a battery and robbery. Two other arrests in the case are expected.

FIFTY-THREE YEARS IN SHIPYARD SERVICE

Robert G. Turner Is Still "On the Job" as Harlan Machinist

Fifty-three years is a long time. Many men count that span of years a lifetime, but to Robert G. Turner it merely represents his long, honorable service with the Harlan plant at Wilmington, Del., says the Harlan News.

Add to this space of service twenty-two years and you have Robert Turner's age. And at the age of seventy-five, when most men count their life run and at which time many are a care to their kin, Robert G. Turner is an able and thoroughly competent employe of the Harlan machine shop, where he can be found, clad in blue jumpers, at the shaping machine in the tool room, perhaps not with fingers as nimble as they once were, but surely with a knowledge that comes with years of application and that shortens the task of his hands to the very minimum.

And were the "work-or-fight" edict to be extended to reach the years of eight, to seventy-five the authorities would never have to even question Mr. Turner's timecard for the matter of continuous employment, for this young old man is on the job every morning bright and early and is one of the last to heed the final snort of the quitting whistle.

A couple of years ago it occurred to Robert Turner that perhaps fifty years of toil was about enough. A man could call that period of time spent in labor an indicative that he was hardy of the flighty, butterfly type of workman, and that he included a fair amount of constancy in his make-up. Well, Mr. Turner on the advice of his younger kin did knock off work. For a while it was all right and then he said he was the loneliest man in Wilmington. He wasn't producing anything. He felt he was an idler. Can you beat that?

So he dug up the old blue jumpers that he thought he had discarded forever and he substituted a peaked cap and came back to Harlan and he has hardly mislaid a day since, barring his vacation periods, of course.

GIRL IS FIRST BORN IN SHIPYARD TOWN

Tablet May Honor Memory of Ruth Harriman Hawk

A hundred years from now the house at 246 Madison street, Harriman, Pa., probably will bear a tablet which will attract the attention of all visitors.

It will be one of the principal steps of the rubberneck wagon and the announcer with the megaphone will extend himself for the edification of his guests. "Ladies and gentlemen," this human talking machine will probably tell the passengers, "right here in this house just a century ago, on June 28, 1918, in the great city of Harriman, whose gates are now thrown wide open to you one and all, was born Ruth Harriman Hawk, the star's first visit to the then new city of Harriman."

"The house is still virtually just as it stood in those early days. A few shingles or a board or two may have been replaced or patched, but you might say the house has hardly been touched. Harriman was the name given to the city that sprang up overnight—the place where the Merchants' Shipbuilding Corporation, one of the biggest in the land, turned out ships by the score that played a big part in stopping the Germans in the great world war."

"The town was named after E. H. Harriman, the financier, who was head of the big shipyard when it started. And the first baby was named after one of Mr. Harriman's family. The house is now occupied by a granddaughter of the same Ruth Harriman Hawk. You tablet was erected by the City Council. I thank you."

HOMESTEAD TO BE RAZED

House and War Garden in Way of Shipyard Development

Hosea Miller and the New York Shipbuilding Corporation have come to terms in a deal which means the razing of the former's little homestead along with his measured war garden.

Miller works in the New York yard, where he built a little house for his family in the heart of the meadow between Broadway and the Pennsylvania Railroad, in Gloucester, and his small plot has kept his family in vegetables the year around.

The house and garden are in the shipyard company's tract, which is to be developed with an extension to the ship plant. Two weeks ago the company asked Miller to give way for the improvement. Miller at first hesitated, but finally agreed to comply, and the company has made settlement with him. Miller himself, with no little compunction, began tearing down the house today.

The truck in the garden, which is maturing, will be saved. It is valued at about \$200. Others living on the land have already vacated.

NOTES ABOUT SHIPMEN

Sayings and Doings of Workers at Harlan Yard

They've got to "come through" with a cushion for "Bill" Brown's next leg seat in the blacksmith shop at the Harlan plant, Wilmington, or "Bill" says he will make Boss Vingofski jump through the keg, right end and all.

A June moonlight and a parson completed the job for "Hoch" Glynn, of the Harlan plant, and his old pals are marking time against him and the new broom.

Tom Haley, the "speed king" of the counters at the Harlan shop, is in the same boat with Glynn and the "old guard," whom he passed up for the best girl in the world, are trying hard, but in vain, to sock the craft.

SHIPWORKERS ATTEND SCHOOL

Many employes of the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation at Harlan, Pa., are attending the new industrial training school for shipworkers just organized at the plant. The school, which has been in operation for one week, is under the direction of N. C. Miller, who holds degrees from the University of Michigan and Penn State College.

HOG ISLAND'S 36TH KEEL

Laying Tomorrow Will Start Building of Shaume

The thirty-sixth keel, that of the Shaume, will be laid at Hog Island tomorrow. All Hog Island employes are in for a big, all-day excursion somewhere. The suggestion came from Vice President Conroy, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the managers of the department all agreed to it. The rank and file say yes. No date has been mentioned, but the plan will probably be worked out in the near future. The crowd is so big that they probably will have to take the fun in relays, it was stated.

SHIPYARD MEN SUMMONED

Gloucester Workers Notified to Prepare for Camp Dix

John Sponer, Charles Addis, John McKenry, Edwin Chase, Edward Hubbard, William Sponer and Harry J. Hubbard, of the Gloucester shipyard, have been notified to prepare to leave for Camp Dix next Thursday. All had expected exemption because employed in productive departments. McKenry a year ago tried to enlist in the aviation corps.

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