

## HEAVIER TAX LEVIES PLANNED BY GERMANY

Quick Return to Peace Time  
Budget System Seen by  
Erzberger

### HINTS RICHES WILL VANISH

By the Associated Press

Berlin, July 9.—Germany is quickly to return to a peacetime financial system, said Matthias Erzberger, vice-chancellor and minister of finance, speaking at Weimar before the German national assembly yesterday. Among other things the payment of grants to men who are unemployed will be reduced.

"The empire's needs must be divided henceforth between home needs and indemnities," he said. "The year's expenditures confronting us will amount to about 17,500,000,000 marks. I am firmly resolved to tread the hard path of economy, and therefore have given out the watchword that from October 1, 1919, there shall be no more items not detailed, and there shall be no more war funds. The war finance system shall cease and a regular budget system must be re-established.

"The first guiding principle is that there must be no more unproductive expenditures. Therefore a gradual abolition of nonemployment grants must be faced. How are the full requirements for the empire, new states and communities, which may be estimated at some 25,000,000,000 marks, to be covered?"

### Indemnities Heavy Burden

After citing the returns to the empire from taxation measures prior to and during the war, and estimating the revenue to be derived from new tax bills, Herr Erzberger said:

"There still remains a sum of over 10,000,000,000 marks to be covered.

"The ministry of finance has almost completed the drafting of two important bills levying new taxes which I intend to submit to the House before the parliamentary recess," he continued. "These call for a large single levy on property and a large tax on business turnover, but even if these bills are passed, the money for the payment of indemnities must be obtained in some other way. In the autumn new bills will be introduced in the national assembly with the final object of covering this deficit.

"The burdens of taxation will reach an absolutely terrible height. A floating debt of 72,000,000,000 marks is a constant danger and the removal of this debt is one of our most urgent tasks. There are two ways in which to do it:

either its conversion into a funded loan, or its extinction by big levies and a heavy property tax.

"I do not indulge the hope that these two ways will immediately yield the entire amount of 72,000,000,000 marks. It is the duty of propertied people, not only to how to a sattle of empulsion but to achieve an inward conviction as to the necessity of giving up all riches and all that is superfluous.

"Changes in the system of taxation will be speedily submitted to the national assembly and this reform will represent the completion of the whole work."

### SWAINS ROUGH ON RIVALS

Eight Arrests Follow Attack Upon  
Girl's Escort

Reading, Pa., July 9.—Shillington, three miles southwest of this city, is unsafe for Reading swains to go courting in. Eight arrests are in prospect as a result of the latest of many attacks on local youths escorting Shillington girls to their homes, Alfred Hyneman being the victim of the octet.

Hyneman wears glasses, and the lenses were smashed, cutting his face in many places, when eight Shillington boys attacked him in the main street of the borough last night and beat him up. He was taking a Shillington girl home, and the girl stood by too scared to call for help while her escort was being beaten.

The names of the eight were easily obtained, and County Detective J. H. Krich rounded up the offenders.

### CRIMEA CLEARED OF "REDS"

Bolshevik Army West of Dnieper  
River Routed by Denikine's Troops

London, July 9.—(By A. P.)—The Crimea has been cleared of Bolsheviks as a result of the advance of General Denikine's troops west of the Dnieper river, according to a War Office statement issued last night.

The advance was over a front of seventy miles and deprived the Bolsheviks of their sole line of communication between their main forces and those in the Crimea.

General Denikine's volunteers have met with great success on all parts of the front, the statement says. They have reached a point on the Caspian coast fifty-five miles southwest of Astrakhan and another column is on the banks of the Volga, northwest of Tchernoi-lar. In capturing Tzaritzin, the Denikine forces took 10,000 prisoners.

## IRISH AT FREEDOM'S DOOR, SAYS WALSH

He and Former Governor Dunne  
Return From Peace Confer-  
ence Mission

### COMPLETE REPORT TODAY

New York, July 9.—Frank P. Walsh and Edward P. Dunne, formerly governor of Illinois, Irish-American delegates to the Peace Conference, who oppose the league of nations and the peace treaty, in so far as they conflict with the fight for Irish independence, arrived here from Europe yesterday on board the steamship La Savoie.

The delegates, who expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the results of their efforts to bring the case of Ireland before the Peace Conference and to the attention of the world, were met at the Waldorf-Astoria by Edward De Valera, the president of the "Irish Republic." Arrangements were made for a meeting today of the leaders of the Irish movement in America, when the complete report of the delegates will be presented and when a new and more intensive drive for American public opinion will be inaugurated.

In an interview yesterday Mr. Walsh scathingly denounced the British policy in the Peace Conference and predicted freedom for Ireland, by peaceful means or otherwise, within the course of a few months. He said the press of Europe is ringing for action by England.

Mr. Dunne declared the sentiment in England for a complete settlement of the Irish problem is such that unless Lloyd George quickly acts in favor of the Irish independence his government will fall. Although Governor Dunne would not say it in so many words, there was an inference that Lord Northcliffe was in a mood for another assault upon the government.

### England Charged With Gain

"When England's pledges of altruism," said Mr. Walsh, "our late fourteen points, and the peoples, countries and riches captured by England, with its immense possessions of sea power, are set down as not worth a yard of territory, the condition disclosed is awesome to the democratic mind.

"On November 10, 1914, Mr. Lloyd George declared: 'As the Lord lieth England does not seek a yard of territory. We are in this war from motives of purest chivalry, to defend the weak.'

"On February 27, 1915, he asserted with dramatic fervor that 'the infamous suggestion that England desired territorial or other aggrandizement' was a lie of the enemy.

"Here is a part of England's grab of peoples under the peace terms: German East Africa, area 384,180 square miles, population 7,665,294; German Southwest Africa, area 322,200 square miles, population 130,384; German Samoan Islands, area more than 1000 square miles, population

35,136; Nauru, a small islet just south of the equator; the Bismarck Archipelago, the German islands of the Solomon group, the German portion of New Guinea; the area of this territory is 94,290 square miles, the population is 530,584; and she has seized Egypt.

"The territory acquired by England through this war is 300,000 square miles greater than the total area of the original thirteen states of the American Union and more than five times as large as the whole of France.

"England likewise is dominant in the control of the league of nations, Sir Eric Drummond being given the secretariat. He is now performing his organization in the shadow of Westminster Hall in London.

"This secretarial control is second only in value to the acquisition of territorial riches. European statesmen agree that the secretary of the league of nations will be a more powerful factor in holding England's imperialistic gains and further her aggressions than would be the control of a clear majority of the representatives in that body, of which England already has five to America's one.

"Ireland today, under God, is writing one of the most brilliant pages in the history of the great democratic world endeavor. Unless she, with other oppressed nations, swiftly secures her liberty, the dead soldiers of democracy will have been tricked to their doom and the hope of universal peace must fade before the murderous rule of the naked sword."

### DE VALERA CHARGES BRITISH TWIST FACTS

Hints That English Framed  
Up Bloody Sinn Fein  
Decree

New York, July 9.—When questioned yesterday regarding the report that all the Sinn Fein organizations in Tipperary had been suppressed by the British because of inflammatory statements found in the possession of its members, Professor de Valera retorted other incidents in which similar documents were supposed to have been found, and declared that they were always found to be "a tissue of falsehoods."

He also gave several incidents from his own experience, in which he said state-

ments were twisted out of their original meaning.

"In this latest 'explanation' there is mention of a Sinn Fein proclamation in Tipperary. Who is responsible for that proclamation? It is much more likely that that proclamation was got out and put up by the agents of the English themselves than that it proceeded from any Sinn Fein sources. Sergeant Sheridan may not be known to the American public and Tipperary was the scene of his operations also.

"There has been no such proclamation of the republican government covering any area, but there has been an act passed by the republican government asking the Irish people not to fraternize with the English force of occupation, the armed constabulary. These forces were to be ostracized socially.

"The cry of lawlessness is an old cry of the British Government against Ireland. The Irish people are now as they have ever been, the most law-abiding and law-loving people on the face of the earth. There is much less ordinary crime in Ireland than in England, and while the British Government tries to blacken Ireland's reputation abroad, the regular judges that administer English law in Ireland are constrained to admit that Ireland is at this very same time practically crimeless."

### NEW AUTO BANDIT TRICK

Heavy Car Wrecks Light One—Oc-  
cupants Robbed of \$4000

New York, July 9.—(By A. P.)—A new method of highway robbery was reported to the police last night by Joseph Hardcastle, a superintendent for the Borden's Farm Products Company, who stated he had been robbed of \$4000 while motoring to a bank with the day's receipts of the Borden station at Coney Island.

Mr. Hardcastle said that the highwaymen drove up behind his light automobile in a heavy touring car and smashed into him, throwing the lighter car into a ditch.

When the stunned occupants recovered, they found themselves facing leveled revolvers in the hands of three bandits, who seized the small black bag containing the money. The bandits fled in their machine before Mr. Hardcastle or the three guards who had accompanied him could draw revolvers.

### ABOLISH DRESS UNIFORMS

Army Follows Navy in Eliminating  
Blue for Officers

Washington, July 9.—Dress uniforms for the army, with the exception of the white dress uniform and mess jacket worn by officers in summer, have been ordered abolished by the War Department. In approving the order for the abolition of the blue dress uniforms, Mr. Baker, secretary of war, followed the example of the secretary of the navy.

The order revoked existing regulations covering use of the blue dress uniform and mess jacket, the blue special evening dress uniform and the full dress uniform.

Says Eel Pulled Him Overboard  
Etnaus, Pa., July 9.—What is believed to have been the largest eel ever caught in Lehigh county was landed out of the Little Lehigh river by Emil Kraig, of this place.

It measured thirty-two inches in length and weighed nearly five pounds. Its body was three and one-half inches in diameter at the thickest portion.

So fiercely did the eel fight that Kraig was pulled into the water several times before he landed the monster. It made a meal for eight persons, with some left over.

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