

CUT IN U. S. TAX NOT YET IN SIGHT

Report of Secretary of Treasury Says Government Borrowing Must End

URGES REVENUE REVISION

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 3.—No appreciable reduction in taxes for the next fiscal year is to be thought of, Secretary Glass declared in his annual report sent today to Congress. Government receipts must be kept at their present figure, he said, in order to bring government borrowing to an end.

Spending expenditures estimated at \$2,929,483,350 for the year ending June 30, 1920, and \$1,477,000,338 for the year ending June 30, 1921, the government must enforce rigid economy, Mr. Glass declared. He placed the deficit for the current year at \$1,905,000,000 and for the year ending June 30, 1921, at approximately \$2,087,000,000.

On this basis, Mr. Glass urged Congress to deny "every appropriation for expenditures in new fields." He said the same policy should obtain in all the government's activities, and that the government had its sinking fund well under way and repayment of the war debt "satisfactorily begun."

Mr. Glass charged that excessive government expenditures were "the most vital factor" in increasing the cost of living and argued that it was necessary to keep down public expenditures for this reason as well as because of the drain on the taxpayers.

Against Excess Profits Tax The present revenue laws need revising to meet new conditions, he said. He referred particularly to the excess profits tax laws as being "objectionable even as a wartime expedient."

Mr. Glass also urged redrafting of the revenue laws to prevent the evasion of federal taxes through the investment of wealth in the obligations of states and municipalities. He said laws should be enacted which would compel the reporting of such incomes, although they are wholly tax exempt, and that that sum with other income of an individual should be computed as the basis for assessing federal taxes on the amount derived from taxable sources.

Europe's Needs Exaggerated Relations between conditions in Europe and those in the United States were discussed also by Mr. Glass. He said that, undoubtedly, there is a very great need in Europe for financial assistance, but that the situation had been much exaggerated.

"We must all feel deep sympathy for Europe today," he said, "but we must not allow our sympathy to warp our judgment and, by exaggerating European financial needs, make them more difficult to fill."

The Treasury will continue its policy, in effect since the armistice, to restore private initiative and remove governmental control and interference with respect to the nation's foreign trade, Mr. Glass said. Only through this means, he argued, could a "healthy economic life be gained."

He added that removal of any influence by the government should provide the incentive for American commerce to go into the world markets and establish itself. Ratification of the peace treaty will measurably stimulate export trade, Mr. Glass declared, because operation of the pact would eliminate numerous political risks and provide a surer investment basis.

Closely related to any activities of the government in foreign trade is the subject of incorporated government agencies, withdrawal of which Mr. Glass strongly urged. He said their "manifest weaknesses" were proof sufficient that such arrangements were not happy ones for the government nor for the persons charged with administration of the corporation.

While not saying that any of the agencies, created during the emergency of war, had been guilty of wastefulness, Mr. Glass pointed out that there was no objective, such as business profits, to hold expenditures down. On the other hand, officers managing the agencies operate on a capital for which there is no accountability or check and always have access to more funds if a real need exists. Cases where government funds are employed semi-independently, Mr. Glass declared, "largely justified government red tape in accounting."

Returning to the estimated government expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, Mr. Glass said the military establishment would ask appropriations aggregating \$899,578,657. Of this sum, \$807,302,000 would be required, he said, for maintenance of the army proper, while \$85,408,000 would be apportioned to the national guard. The Military Academy would receive \$6,778,637.

Cardinal Mercier's Story of War Begins Saturday

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WILSON'S ILLNESS REVIVES GOSSIPS

Failure of Hitchcock to See President Furnishes Fuel for Rumor Factory

DEFINITE STATEMENT SOON

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, Dec. 3.—The President's illness is again agitating Washington. The Senate, especially the Republican side of it, is busy suggesting that the President is incapacitated at present, many senators declaring yesterday that the President did not write his last message to Congress.

Several circumstances have contributed to this new outbreak of rumors. For one thing the President's recovery has been extremely slow. They, too, there have been no official bulletins in many weeks. Those bulletins were stopped because there was virtually no change in the President's condition from day to day, and so the daily announcements were meaningless.

Then failure of Senator Hitchcock to secure an appointment with the President on Saturday started the story that Mr. Wilson was worse. The attitude of those who surrounded the President adds to the rumors.

Questions about the President's actual condition provoke resentment. The incision is the evidence regarding the President's actual condition. If you ask, you are told stories like the foregoing, but anything more definite is refused.

It may be simply that those who surround the President are unable to understand the public point of view and regard his illness as a private matter regarding which everybody is somewhat impertinent.

Or it may be that they are so clear in their own minds about his condition that they cannot understand the doubt and confusion existing throughout the country. This much may be confidently as-

Senator Hitchcock without significance. Hitchcock's relations with the President are complicated by the contest over the State leadership.

Neither he nor Senator Underwood can go to the White House without starting rumors that the White House is favoring one or the other in the Senate contest. Beneath the surface some obscure maneuvering is going on to get each on the front page of the newspapers or to keep one or the other off that page. This situation in some way contributed either to the announcement that the President had summoned Mr. Hitchcock or else to his failure to obtain an appointment. The President did see Secretary Baker on Sunday, just before the secretary's departure for Panama. This was the day after the failure of Mr. Hitchcock to see him. It should set at rest the story that the President had suffered a relapse and become once more unable to receive visitors.

There is another little fairly well authenticated story which indicates the President's activity and capacity. Mrs. Wilson showed a letter to the White House a mass of stenographic notes which she says the President had prepared as memoranda on some subject upon which he was working. These notes were described by the person who saw them as perfectly clear and well formed.

"Impertinent" and Persistent If this story is true, and there is no reason to doubt it, it should dispose of the rumor that Mr. Wilson is paralyzed in his right hand. Even accepting the story that the President can sign his name with his left hand, perhaps invented by some one to account for his undated signatures to documents, it is not to be supposed that he can write stenographic characters with his left hand, nor for that matter with a right hand which has been recently paralyzed.

These two circumstances to show how slim is the evidence regarding the President's actual condition. If you ask, you are told stories like the foregoing, but anything more definite is refused.

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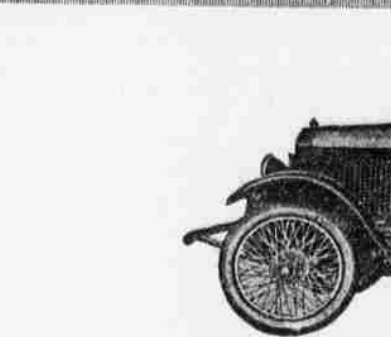
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New York's Comptroller Fined

New York, Dec. 3.—(By A. P.)—Declared in contempt of court for disregarding an injunction against the sale of \$1,000,000 worth of corporate bonds, City Comptroller Charles L. Craig was fined \$250 today by Supreme Court Justice Manning.

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