

# INCOME AND OTHER TAXES TO REMAIN

Experts Have No Hope of Early Lifting of Levies by Tariff

## VAST WEIGHT OF WAR DEBT

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Nov. 30.—Any thought that there can be a reduction in the income tax rate next year may as well be abandoned now as later. Republican legislators and tax experts have all ready reached the conclusion that the present law will have to remain unchanged so far as the normal surtax levies are concerned, and that future reductions will have to await experiments with a new tariff law and consideration by the next Congress of a sales or compensation tax.

There is a difference of opinion as to the possibility of repealing or reducing the excess profits tax. The revenue requirements of the government are such as to preclude the repeal of any existing taxes until new sources of revenue are provided. For this reason it is thought probable that for the present Congress will do nothing more than modify the excess profits tax to relieve the embarrassment of corporations caught in the sudden decline in material and commodity prices.

It is recognized that the benefits of a higher tariff would not be felt by the treasury for at least a year, and that even though tariff duties should be increased by the new Congress, it would be several months before the effect on revenues could be estimated. With exports growing and imports falling off, and with the whole fabric of international trade affected by credit and exchange problems resulting from the war, there is no thought of applying a blanket increase on all commodities which now pay a duty, or fixing a substantial tariff on all items now exempt from import duties.

### Effect of New Tariff Delayed

Senator Lodge's statement that the existing tariff laws are not producing an appropriate share of government revenues represents the general view of other Republican leaders. The process of framing a tariff bill under any circumstances is a tedious one, however, and it is realized that in the light of uncertainties due to the shifting tides of foreign trade, it is likely to take longer than usual in the coming Congress. Though the tariff will be one of the first subjects taken up by the extra session President-elect Harding is expected to call next March, experienced legislators are convinced it will be late summer or fall before a new tariff law can be perfected and put into effect.

Republicans in charge of revenue legislation in the House hope to raise an additional \$750,000,000 or \$1,000,000,000 by the new tariff. This, in time, is counted on to permit a reduction in the income tax rate, but all hope that this can be accomplished in 1921 or possibly the following year has been abandoned. Until it is known what the new tariff law will produce, no material change in the national tax laws will be attempted.

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ernmental economy program to which the Republican administration is pledged will save relatively little. The army and navy programs require approximately \$1,600,000,000 annually, or twice the total requirements of the government a few years ago. The interest charge on the national indebtedness resulting from the war adds another \$1,000,000,000, and as yet no provision has been made for a sinking fund to retire the government's war obligations when due.

Authorities here declare little can be done to cut government expenditures until it is known what the allied nations do with the \$10,000,000,000 lent to the United States during the war. The government is now paying the interest on the \$10,000,000,000 lent to the allies during the war, for interest payments from the borrowers have been temporarily deferred. If Great Britain, France and Italy succeed in working out a program for resuming interest payments on this indebtedness, this would cut approximately \$500,000,000 from the revenue requirements of the government. If the nations of the world, through the League of Nations or otherwise, work out a program for a reduction on armaments, halting competitive naval construction and reducing the size of military establishments, it is thought this might reduce the national budget another \$500,000,000.

### War Debt Aggregates \$24,000,000,000

Roughly, the war debt of the United States, including the loans to its allies, amounts to \$24,000,000,000. Liberty bond issues represent \$13,292,888,413 of this amount, Victory notes of the fifth Liberty loan, \$4,241,130,420, treasury certificates, \$2,640,029,450, and war saving securities \$780,974,303.98.

Allied governments with the exception of Russia paid the interest on their war loans in full up to the spring of 1919, and Russia continued her interest payments up to November 15, 1917. Deferred interest payments due this year amount to \$463,215,813.00, which means that this sum must be raised annually by taxation in the United States until the allied governments are able to perfect a plan for refunding their war debts and resuming their interest payments.

### Officials of the Treasury Department

are now working on a program for liquidation of the entire American national debt within twenty-five years.

### FORTUNE HID IN CORN SHOCK

Farmhand Finds \$256,000 in Securities Stolen From Bank

Danville, Va., Nov. 30.—Liberty bonds and savings stamps totaling \$256,000 and insurance policies totaling several additional thousands were found Saturday evening in a corn shock near Midway, some miles from Danville, by the first subjects taken up by the extra session President-elect Harding is expected to call next March, experienced legislators are convinced it will be late summer or fall before a new tariff law can be perfected and put into effect.

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Fiume, 30 novembre.—I legionari di Gabriele D'Annunzio sono grandemente eccitati dai passionali appelli del poeta per salvare Fiume, emessi a frequenti intervalli da quando il trattato di Rapallo sistemo' la questione Adriatica tra l'Italia e la Jugoslavia, contrariamente ai desideri di D'Annunzio.

I riflettori dell'Isola di Veglia e di Arbe continuano di notte illuminano le acque di approccio a Fiume, per qualsiasi possibile attacco, mentre i cannoni delle opere di fortificazione tuonano ad intermittenza.

Mentre D'Annunzio sta mandando manifesti in Italia con i quali leva il grido contro il patto di Rapallo, preparazioni sono in progresso per chiamare tutti i cittadini dell'eta' dai 18 ai 50 in Fiume, per la difesa della città.

Larghi rinforzi di carabinieri sono giunti ai confini del territorio di Fiume. Si assicura che l'invio di questi rinforzi sia stato fatto allo scopo di far comprendere ai legionari che il Governo Italiano intende di dare esecuzione alle disposizioni del trattato di Rapallo.

### Napoli, 20 novembre.—Gli agenti di polizia

hanno oggi proceduto all'arresto di un capitano di un vapore, insieme ai suoi ufficiali e parecchi marinai, sotto l'accusa di aver fatto il piano per trasportare all'estero clandestinamente 40 italiani. A bordo del vapore vi erano 1500 emigranti e durante la perquisizione effettuata nel vapore si trovarono sette libbre di cocaina, la quale non era denunciata nel manifesto di carico. Furono inoltre trovate 370,000 lire italiane che, al dice, venivano portate negli Stati Uniti a scopo di speculazione.

### Bologna, 29 novembre.—I capi del comunismo

recentemente completarono per impossessarsi della città e l'attacco sopra i membri del consiglio municipale, avvenuta una settimana or sono, rappresentava uno dei primi passi nel

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# COURT HITS VERBAL SNAG

Learned Justices Wrestle With Proper Pronunciation of D'Adame

## TRIDENT NAME CASE

By a Staff Correspondent

Trenton, Nov. 30.—Nothing even resembling harmony could be reached by the Supreme Court yesterday in regard to the pronunciation of the proper name of D'Adame. Citing a case in which D'Adame was the defendant, former Vice-Chancellor Merritt Lane pronounced it as though it were spelled "Dadam."

Chancellor Walker called Mr. Lane's attention to another version of the pronunciation, as though the name were spelled "Dadame." Justice Swayne said he thought both the chancellor and Mr. Lane were wrong, and that the name should be pronounced as though spelled "Dahdam," the accent on the "dam."

### "Well," said the chancellor,

"Judge White, who wrote the opinion, pronounces the name 'Dadame.'"

"That's because Judge White is a Quaker and doesn't like to swear," replied Justice Swayne.

"In view of what Justice Swayne has said," replied the chancellor, "I would like to hear Judge White's pronunciation of Roger Higd, who was one of the signers of Magna Charta."

# 1000 Reading Men Return to Work

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### Q. But surely pastry cannot be put into a cold oven?

A. Pastry is the one exception. In this case the oven needs a slight pre-heating. Or else pastry can be cooked in the oven after it has been heated by the cooking of other foods.

### Q. Is it possible to boil and roast at the same time?

A. Yes. The oven is so made and ventilated, and its heat-retaining qualities are so unusual, that it will roast meat and boil vegetables or other foods at the same time.

### Q. But suppose a piece of meat requires one hour of direct-flame and two hours of retained heat will not this time be too long for, say, string beans and pudding, and will it not be necessary to remove them before the roast?

A. No. Remember, the oven starts cold and the gas has to burn for some time before a cooking-temperature is reached. According to definite scientific laws the string beans and the pudding cannot start to cook until the roast also starts to cook. The gas shuts off after a short time of direct cooking, and before the string beans and pudding could possibly overcook. From then on, the slow, even heat retained in the oven is not intense enough to overcook even the most delicate foods. Yet it is hot enough to complete the cooking of the roast.

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