

10,000,000 CUT IN TAXES PLANNED

Decision Made at White House Conference on New Revenue Bill

ARMY AND NAVY TO SUFFER

By the Associated Press Washington, Aug. 10.—President Harding having intervened to straighten out tax revision differences between leaders of the House of Representatives and Treasury officers, Ways and Means Committee Republicans set to work to draft a revenue bill to yield \$3,975,000,000, or approximately \$100,000,000 less than had been suggested by Secretary Mellon.

This total was agreed upon last evening at a White House conference attended by Secretary Mellon, Speaker Gillet, Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the Republican Ways and Means Committee, and other prominent House Republicans.

At the same decision was reached, it was stated officially, to cut \$250,000,000 from estimated expenditures for this fiscal year, leaving the total at \$4,004,000,000, as against the Treasury's estimate of \$4,554,000,000. This would be accomplished, it was explained, by somewhat drastic slashes in estimates for the Navy and Agriculture Departments, the Shipping Board and railroads and the refunding of \$170,000,000 of disbursements on account of the public debt.

Chairman Fordney said his committee probably could have the new revenue bill ready for consideration by a conference of House Republicans next Monday, and leaders generally thought the measure probably could be passed by the House by August 20, permitting Congress to recess on that date for a month.

Measure to Have Precedence Under the program as now planned the Senate Finance Committee will work on the tax bill during the recess with a view to having it ready for Senate action when Congress reconvenes. This would permit of final passage of the tax bill ahead of the permanent tariff measure, a program, it was explained, which the President desired to have carried out.

The great bulk of the taxes which it is proposed to repeal would come off as of last January 1, these being the excess profits tax, estimated at \$450,000,000, and the income surtax brackets above 32 per cent, which are estimated to yield \$90,000,000. After this the income tax would be reduced to 25 per cent, entailing a further revenue loss next year.

Repeal of the higher surtax brackets, those above 32 per cent, as of January 1, 1921, and the remaining, above 25 per cent, as of January 1, 1922.

Third, Reduction of the transportation tax by one-half, as of January 1, 1922, and entirely, as of January 1, 1923.

Fourth, Repeal of the so-called soda water tax, the so-called luxury tax of clothing, and of other "nuisance" taxes.

With few exceptions there will be no new taxes levied under the agreement arrived at, outside of an increase of the flat tax on corporations to 12 1/2 per cent and possibly other minor taxes under consideration. The net corporation tax agreed upon represents a reduction of one-half in the increase originally contemplated. It is at present 10 per cent, and some members of the Ways and

Means Committee had planned to raise it to 15 per cent.

Auto and Check Taxes Abandoned The program, furthermore, does not contemplate any increase in the tax on tobacco. The proposals of the Secretary of the Treasury for a \$10 automobile tax, an increased postal rate and a two-cent tax on bank checks were definitely abandoned.

Estimated expenditures of the Government were reduced about \$350,000,000 by calculating that the expenses of the War Department could be cut \$70,000,000; Navy Department, \$100,000,000; Shipping Board, \$100,000,000; Department of Agriculture, \$25,000,000; railroads, \$30,000,000; other general expenses, \$25,000,000.

The program of tax reduction also contemplates refunding of \$100,000,000 in war savings certificates and \$70,000,000 of obligations under the Pittman act. From sources other than the revenue law, the program agreed upon anticipates \$70,000,000 more from loans, some by reason of the new Tax Law, \$100,000,000 from back taxes and \$200,000,000 from salvage.

The conference at the White House had the immediate object of clarifying the legislative situation in the House. It fixed, first of all, the amount of revenue to be raised by the new Tax Law and brought about a complete reconciliation of the divergent estimates submitted by Mr. Mellon and by House leaders.

The most pleasing feature of the conference, to House leaders, was the agreement reached whereby there may be effected an actual reduction in taxation, which will be refunded, Mr. Mondell pointed out that the fiscal requirements of the Government within the next few years will be considerably reduced, and foreign creditors will be brought to meet their obligations to the Government, so as to make entirely possible meeting the obligations on the debt.

As a result of the meeting, House leaders will return to their work tomorrow with a definite and concrete program of revenue revision. In their opinion, the matter of details now remains the chief difficulty in the way of revision.

EAR PASSAGE THRO' HEAD

Phenomenon Caused by Shell Shock in France, Veterans Say

Boston, Aug. 10.—X-ray photographs, just taken prove that there is an extra passage way through the cranium of Harry Shanley, a wounded veteran of the (Canadian) expeditionary forces, who is under treatment at the Massachusetts clinic for diagnosis, attending surgeons announced.

Six show buttons which he attempted to pass from one side of his head to the other became clogged and the photographs taken for record clearly show them. Three of the buttons have been dislodged. One passed out through his ear and two through his said to be serious, because of the danger that the buttons on the remaining buttons might rupture a blood vessel.

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Great Celebration at Quebec to Mark Landing of New Governor General

HAILED HERO OF CAMBRAI

By the Associated Press Quebec, Aug. 10.—Quebec was in holiday attire today for Canada's new Governor General, Baron Byng of Vimy, due to arrive this evening on the steamship Empress of France.

King's wharf, where Lord Byng will land tomorrow morning, and the streets leading to the provincial legislative chamber, whither he will be conducted for the installation ceremony, were gay with flags and bunting. Scores of Canadian dignitaries were present for the event, which occurs only once every five years.

The popularity of "Byng of Vimy and Cambrai," leader of the Canadian corps during the campaign of 1916 and 1917, was expected to earn him one of the warmest welcomes ever extended to an incoming Governor General.

Lord Byng will spend tonight on board the Empress of France, debarking for the installation ceremony shortly before 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The Governor General's salute of nineteen guns will be fired from the citadel as he steps ashore between the lines of a military guard of honor. He will be escorted by Premier Meighen and his Cabinet and immediately conducted to the legislative chamber for the installation ceremony. He is scheduled to depart for Ottawa, the Governor General's seat, at midnight.

Lord Byng—then General Sir Julian Byng—leaped into fame in the spring of 1917, when he led the Canadians in the storming and capture of the supposedly impregnable German position on Vimy Ridge. A short time later he

was made commander of the British Third Army.

Again in November the world resounded with the name of "Byng of Cambrai," hero of the "battle of the tanks." In this engagement Byng's troops, led by squads of battle tanks, drove deep into the German lines before Cambrai, taking thousands of prisoners and threatening the entire German position in France. The Germans struck back vigorously a few days later, but were unable to regain nearly all the ground Byng had taken. For this exploit he was promoted to the rank of full General.

VETERANS PLAN CAMPAIGN FOR CLAIMS ADJUSTMENTS

Passage of Sweet Bill Makes Immediate Adjudication Possible Indianapolis, Aug. 10.—(By A. P.)—A nation-wide campaign by Government officials, the American Legion and the Red Cross to effect a sweeping settlement of all Government claims by ex-servicemen was announced last night at a conference of Legion officials and Government representatives at National Legion headquarters here. The announcement followed word from Washington of the signing of the Sweet bill, making possible immediate adjustments and the appointment of C. R. Forbes as Director of the new Veterans' Bureau.

The clean-up campaign will start today, plans having been made previously by Mr. Forbes, and district representatives were ordered into the field not later than August 10. It is expected to continue for at least four months, or until every community in every State has been reached. Clean-up squads representing the Government, Legion and Red Cross will be organized with authority to consider all cases of compensation, vocational training, hospitalization, medical and surgical treatment.

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LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK

By Lee Pape

Ma sent me to the grocer store for 3 pounds of potatoes this afternoon, saying Heers a 5 dollar bill and for goodness sake be careful of the change. Well if I don't lose any of it, ma, will you give me a nickel of it? I sed, and she sed, Get the potatoes and don't wait so much time tawking. Meaning she wouldnt and I started to go around to the grocer store feeling sorry I was going a errand, and I met Puds Simkins half ways around and he went the rest of the way with me on account of not having anything else spehll to do, and wen we got to the grocer store there was a sine on the potatoes saying 5 cents a pound, \$2.50 a basket. Me having a deer and saying to the man, How meny pounds in a basket? 60 pounds, you save 50 cents on every basket, sed the man, and I sed to Puds, Hay Puds, if I buy a basket will you help me carry it home, and then my mother will be so glad about

saving the 50 cents maybe she'll give me a dime and I'll give you 2 cents out of it. Sounding like a good idea to Puds, and I had a hole basket instead of just 3 pounds and me and Puds started to carry it home, by both taking a hold of the bottom and wawking sideways. Puds saying, G wiza, holey smokes, if I'd of knew how heavy it was, good nite. And we kept on wawking and resting, at first mostly wawking and mostly resting on account of the basket getting heavier insted of lighter, and just wen we was almost home the basket dropped on account of us dropping it, and the potatoes rolled all over the street and it took us about 10 minnits to pick them up agen, Puds saying, Good nite, if I'd of knew this. And I opened our front door and called back to ma, Ma, I saved you 50 cents, if you dont believe it come out and see. Wich ma did, looking suspicious wen she came out and mad wen she saw the basket, saying, A hole basket of potatoes, such an idea, they'd all be had before I had them half used up, take them back immedately and bring me 3 pounds like I told you. And she went in agen, and Puds sed, Well I'll be darned, if I'd of knew this, And we carried the basket back to the grocer store, dropping it twice insted of once and wishing we had never even saw it.

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