

SENATE PASSES GREAT REVENUE BILL AT NIGHT

Tax Rate on Luxuries Dropped from 20 to 10 Per Cent. Before Adjourning

Washington, Dec. 24.—Late last night the Senate passed the war revenue bill, reduced to raise about six billion dollars in 1919 and four billions in 1920, as compared with the levy of \$8,200,000,000 for next year proposed in the bill passed by the House three months ago.

When the final vote was taken at 10:40 o'clock, the Senate had been in continuous session nearly thirteen hours. Immediately after the passage of the bill, the Senate began its holiday vacation under the plan for three days' recesses until January 2. Absence of a quorum in the House, however, had prevented that body from putting a similar program into effect.

The revenue bill which had been before the Senate since December 12, now goes to conference with formal meetings of the Senate and House managers planned to begin January 2 with a view to final enactment of the legislation next month.

The Senate conferees appointed last night were Senators Simmons, of North Carolina; Williams, of Mississippi; and Smith, of Georgia, Democrats, and Senators Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Lodge, of Massachusetts, Republicans.

10 Per Cent. on Luxuries

Only a few scattering "noes" from the Republican side marked the final vote on the bill. The Republicans did not seek another roll call on the bill's provisions fixing 1920 tax rates and no further votes were taken on the luxury provisions, reinserted yesterday with the rate fixed at 10 per cent. instead of 20 per cent.

Senate sustained its previous action on a final vote of 41 to 22, the 14 approving the committee amendment to repeal existing zone rates on second class mail and substituting a rate of one cent a pound with one-half cent and one and one-half cents beyond.

Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, Republican member of the finance committee, made a long address to the Senate last night in support of his substitute bill which would raise more than six billions of dollars, chiefly through increased rates on war excess and profits. The Wisconsin Senator said he would take every dollar of war profit and all incomes above enough to enable the owner of the income to support his family in comfort.

Bill Rejected, 55 to 6

Senator La Follette's substitute bill was rejected by a vote of 55 to 6 after the author had spoken for nearly three hours. Senators voting for its adoption were Borah, Gronna, Norris, Nugent, Yerdaman and La Follette.

Even under his bill, Senator La Follette said, war profits earned by corporations in prosperous past years would go untouched.

Regarding his plan to increase income taxes on the wealthy, Senator La Follette said:

"Whatever may have been the forces which caused the present world war one result of it must be apparent to every man of intelligence and that is that the plain citizen has come to realize his power as never before and consequently will assert his rights as never before.

"In order to raise the money to pay the expenses we have incurred, and are bound to incur, the government must reach out and put a heavy hand through its power of taxation upon every citizen in the land, and if it be presently discovered that the hand of the government bears heavily and unjustly upon the masses and touches only lightly the rich—in proportion to their ability to pay—it will produce conditions of discontent and resentment not pleasant to contemplate."

Declaring that the country's expenditures would be ten or twelve billion dollars in the next five years, Senator La Follette said with the present bill in operation this would necessitate twenty-five or thirty billion additional in bonds. This, he said, would be "truly an appalling situation."

Senator La Follette insisted that the American armies would not be demobilized for many months and that their maintenance would require huge sums.

Calls Congress Subservient

Senator Smith, of Georgia, suggested that under the draft law the service of men called to the colors must and four months after they are declared, Senator La Follette replied that Congress "is so subservient" that if the administration should use American forces abroad against nations with whom war has not been declared Congress would vote money for such military operations.

An effort to bring up the woman suffrage constitutional amendment in the Senate next month was blocked before the Senate started on its holiday vacation by Senator Williams, of Mississippi, Democrat, who objected to a request by Senator Jones, of Washington, Republican, that Senate consideration of the House resolution be begun January 16.

Seizes Cable Seizure

Senator Rifehook, of Nebraska, chairman of the foreign relations committee, declared that the taking over of the trans-Atlantic cable lines by the government after the signing of the armistice was a "high-handed outrage," and an abuse of the power conferred by Congress.

Authority for assuming control of the cable lines, Senator Rifehook said, was given the President as a war emergency and, he added, that if the President wanted to take over the lines he should have conferred with Congress.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND MUSIC AT ST. STEPHEN'S

The Christmas services in St. Stephen's Church will be as follows: Christmas Eve at 6:30.—The Sunday school exercises will be held.

Christmas Eve, midnight—Holy Communion, with carols sung by the choir.

Christmas Day at 11 o'clock—Holy Communion. The music to be used will be: "Kyrie," "Gloria Tibi," "Sanctus," marks in F, anthem, "The Lord of Glory," H. Alexander. Matthews, carols, "Holy Night, Silent Night," "Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep."

COUNCIL VOTES TO TAKE OVER WATER SYSTEM

Riverside Mains to Be Purchased Out of Department Revenues

After passing finally the ordinance water mains in the Fourteenth ward from the Dauphin Consolidated Water Company and directing that \$15,000 should be taken from general revenue next year to pay for lines, Council this morning reconsidered its action and amended the measure directing that the money should be taken from the reserve fund of the water department.

Commissioner S. F. Hassler, superintendent of the water department, voted against the change in the measure. He said after the session that the money should be provided in the appropriation ordinance for next year, but the other councilmen intimated that the budget measure will be difficult to pass down to meet available revenues without including

an additional \$15,000 for the mains. At present in the water reserve fund there is a cash balance of less than \$150 not including interest from bonds, it was explained. The fund has an investment of \$250,000 in city bonds and \$20,000 in Liberty Loan Bonds, the whole amount drawing about \$10,000 interest annually. Against this must be charged the water department debt which when deducted would leave an actual net balance of about \$82,000 in the fund.

At the request of Martha Van Dyke, Warren VanDyke and Franklin Williamson, owners of much of the property along Verbeke street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, Commissioner Hassler introduced an ordinance authorizing the laying of water pipes in that part of the street.

An ordinance was introduced by Commissioner Gross transferring funds in the park department and appropriating \$149 from general revenues for park contingent expenses. Mr. Gross explained the money taken from the general fund had been paid into the treasury in rentals for the use of the island. The need for additional funds for park maintenance was necessary, he said, because employees were kept working about six weeks longer than usual.

Ordinances passed finally authorizing the paving of a short section of

Walnut street from Cameron street to the Paxton creek; and laying of about 3,000 feet of water pipe in the Fourteenth ward, from Vaughn and Sixth streets, to Fourth, to Lewis, to Front streets.

NEWS NOTES FROM NATION'S CAPITAL

By Associated Press

Washington.—The War Labor Board refused to consider the grievances of 3,500 employees of the Pittsburg plant of the General Electric Company as long as they are on strike.

Washington.—The Fuel Administration announced revocation of the ruling prohibiting the sale or delivery of coke by ocean transportation.

Washington.—A zone modification order, made public by the Fuel Administration to-day, provides for the shipment of bituminous coal from all districts of Pennsylvania to Baltimore and vicinity and to the District of Columbia.

Washington.—Riders attached to the war revenue bill, passed by the Senate last night, include extension of the Reed "bone dry" law to the District of Columbia and provision for one month's pay to men discharged from the military forces.

LAST HOUR SHOPPERS FLOOD CITY STREETS

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were purchased in the last minute-rush yesterday. Not one of them came from Germany. They hailed from the Scandinavian Peninsula, from America, a few coming from France and Switzerland, but the great bulk came from Japan.

Scores of children thronged the stores yesterday in a last-minute glimpse of Christmas toys. Hobby-horses, tanks, miniature trains, velocipedes and toy automobiles were worked overtime by adventurous ladies experimenting.

At the post office, clerks were stamping with work. Many of them worked long after quitting time to finish up the huge piles of mails waiting transportation.

The long line of people at candy counters reminded one of the crowd at a boxoffice window trying to buy tickets for Maude Adams or Caruso. "I'm in a hurry. Will you wait on me?" called a man at the end of the line. "You're slight in line!" came the laconic reply from the clerk. It is explained by confectioners that people always wait until the last minute to purchase their candy, believing it will be fresher.

KAUFMANS

MARKET SQUARE

UNDERSELLING STORE

Store Open This Evening Until 9

Beginning This Evening Promptly at 6.30

All Toys

In Our

Bargain Basement

At Exactly

1/2

Original Selling Price

Merry Christmas!—Store Open This Evening Until 9 P. M.

Sale Children's Coats

Our Entire Stock of Children's Coats, including those up to the highest-priced models and embracing the best colors and materials.

This Sale Begins Thursday

KAUFMANS

MARKET SQUARE

UNDERSELLING STORE

All FURS Reduced

Our entire stocks of Fur Scarfs and Muffs for women and misses and all our sets for children as well as reduced in this sale to most tempting prices

1/4 Off

On Thursday Morning, The Day After Christmas, We Will Start Our Great After-Christmas Sale of Coats, Suits and Dresses

All Suits! - All Cloth Coats! - All Plush Coats! - All Furs! - All Dresses!

This is the Big Annual Sale this community looks forward to with keen interest on account of the Tremendous Savings to be had in Ready-to-Wear of the most stylish and serviceable character. This sale is without precedent as to assortments and values—the most extensive assortment of garments offered at such greater-value prices in this city. The fact that you have plenty of Winter weather ahead makes it all the more important that you buy at this sale. None on approval nor C. O. D. Alterations at cost. Nothing is reserved. All prices are reduced. The opportunity is yours—take advantage of it. Everything will be arranged for easy and satisfactory choosing. The store opens on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Plan accordingly, so as to be able to attend.



Extra Special To Start Sale!

83 Beautiful Dresses

Suitable for all occasions \$ **14.50**

Prices Were to \$29.50

All sizes for Women and Misses

Every fashionable material is represented. Only 83 dresses in all. Serge, Charmeuse, Tricotee, Georgette and Satin Combinations, Velvet Satin and Serge Combinations. All colors—all sizes for misses and women. None on approval or C. O. D. Alterations will be charged for at cost.

Our Entire Stock of Beautiful Plush Coats

In the After Christmas Sale

And there are Dozens of styles to select from Plain and fancy models. Fur trimmed and self trimmed. All lined throughout with guaranteed lining. Sizes from misses' 16 to women's 46 and extra sizes to 54.

Women's and Misses' Plush Coats, Special **\$18.75**

Women's and Misses' Plush Coats, Special **\$23.75**

Women's and Misses' Plush Coats, Special **\$28.75**

Extra Special To Start Sale!

75 High Grade Suits

Choice of Finest Suits \$ **24.50**

In All The Best Materials

Prices Were Ranged up to \$19.50

Quantity	15	11	16	9	6	10	6	2
Size	16	18	36	38	40	42	44	46

35 Black Suits, 12 Navy Suits, 9 Taupe Suits, 7 Burgundy Suits, 5 Brown Suits, 2 Reindeer Suits, 2 Green Suits, 1 Plum Suit, 2 Khaki Suits.

Broad Cloth, Silverstone, Velour, Tricotine, Poplin, Serge and Velvet. All splendidly tailored suits with soft silk or fancy satin linings. Many of them have Sealine collars—some have seal plush collars. The very latest models only are in the lot.

Women's and Misses' Coats \$ **9.75**

in Our Big After Christmas Sale at . . .

Wool Velours in two new models. All colors and sizes for misses and women. A very excellent group of Coats for general and dress wear, in the leading shades. A most extraordinary value. This price will cap the climax of the entire season and demands immediate attention.

Women's and Misses' Coats \$ **11.75**

in Our Big After Christmas Sale at . . .

Velours and Boucles—an excellent assortment of the newest models for misses and women. Some are half lined. Some with plush collars; some with fur collars; others with self collars. Black, Navy, taupe, Burgundy, dark brown and dark green in these assortments.

Women's and Misses' Coats \$ **13.75**

in Our Big After Christmas Sale at . . .

Wool Velours, Pompons, Egyptian Plushes and Kersey. In Black, Navy, dark brown, dark green, Burgundy, taupe and gray. All sizes for misses and women. Fur collars, coney collars, plush collars and self collars. Some are half lined; some are full lined. A wonderful bargain.

Women's and Misses' Coats \$ **16.75**

in Our Big After Christmas Sale at . . .

Velours, Pompons, Kerseys, Meltons—the best assortment at as low a price as we have ever named. All the colors are among them and the odd shades of reindeer, claret and beetroot. Some have big fur collars, while others have big collars of plush. Most of them are half or full lined.

Women's and Misses' Coats \$ **18.75**

After Christmas Sale at . . .

Velours, Kerseys, Pompons, Novelities and Salt's Plushes. All the wanted shades both in the staple colors and odd shades. And all the new models—they are copies of the highest priced coats. Most of them sold freely at much higher prices. All sizes for misses and women.

Women's and Misses' Coats \$ **22.75**

After Christmas Sale at . . .

Broadcloths, Kerseys, Velours and Pompons. With fur or plush collars—lined throughout with guaranteed linings. A wonderful assortment of the best models to select from. All of the newest colors and plenty of blacks. Sizes range from misses 16 to women's 46.

Women's and Misses' Coats \$ **24.75**

After Christmas Sale at . . .

Exclusive models in many styles. Staple styles in fine broadcloth and velour with or without fur collars. Many of them silk lined throughout—all have guaranteed linings. A great assortment of styles but not many of each. Sizes for misses and women. All are wonderful values.

This Sale Starts Thursday—the Day After Christmas