

REVENUE BILL UP IN THE HOUSE.

TENTACLES OF MEASURE REACH
OUT INTO EVERY HOME—\$33.00
PER CAPITA WILL BE TAX

Washington, May 9:—The war tax bill extending its exercise to the fabric of every American home, was formally presented to the House today by the ways and means committee with plans for quick passage.

As a forecast of what may come later, it proposes special taxes to raise \$1,800,000,000 in addition to the present normal annual revenue of \$1,500,000,000. When its terms are effective the American people will be paying direct taxes of \$33 per capita. The people of the British Isles—half as many—now pay per capita taxes of \$60.

While the principal features of the new war levy are increases in income and profits taxes, internal revenue rates and customs duties, many of its provisions reach the innermost structure of every home and make up a list of taxes probably the most formidable ever faced by Americans.

The household, light, heat and telephone bills, admission tickets to amusements, fire and life insurance, railway tickets, automobiles, automobile tires and tubes, soft drinks, postage rates, golf clubs and baseball bats, club dues and a host of other everyday necessities or luxuries come under the taxation.

Increased postage rates on newspapers, arranged in a zone system are such that publishers say they will force many newspapers out of business.

Already protests against many features of the law are pouring in and attacks upon it will center in the Senate finance committee which will conduct public hearings and probably make some amendments.

When Democratic Leader Kitchin presented the bill to the House today he announced that general debate would begin tomorrow. It probably would be passed the early part of next week.

Tabulation of the enrollment for the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. indicates that 38 more Carolinians and Tennesseans have qualified for admission than the camp can accommodate.

EDISON BUSY ON U-BOAT PROBLEM.

DANIELS BELIEVES AMERICAN IN-
GENUITY WILL FIND WAY TO
COMBAT MENACE.

Washington, May 6:—Advices from the naval consulting board concerning progress made toward finding a solution of the submarine menace, referred to in New York yesterday by Chairman W L Saunders, of the board, had not reached the navy department tonight, but were expected tomorrow. Secretary Daniels said that while no information would be made public as to the nature of experiments which had been in progress, he was satisfied that American ingenuity eventually would check the undersea boats.

Mr Daniels spoke, however, without knowledge of the specific devices with which the members of the consulting board have been experimenting and his confidence was based solely upon the record for mechanical inventiveness which American engineers and scientists have maintained for years.

Mr Lawrence Addicks, chairman of the special problems committee, has given out the following statement:

"While it is evident that specific information as to progress made would be contrary to public policy at this time, as chairman of the committee of the board dealing specifically with the marine menace, I feel justified in saying that we have now under practical trial some naval devices of great promise.

"This committee was formed at the time of the break with Germany to take over all problems relating to the destruction of submarines and the defeat of the torpedo and has under its direction the various experimental stations devoted to this work.

"In addition to this Mr Edison is separately conducting a line of experiments in his own laboratory, regarding the results of which I am not qualified to speak."

Mr Addicks' statement confirms the understanding officials of the department have had of the progress being made by the inventors. They have been at work for months on various research studies and since the declaration of a state of war with Germany have redoubled their efforts to find a way to cope with the U-boat menace.

In many instances naval experts have been called into consultation by the board members or have aided in direct experiments. Every precaution has been taken by the department, however, to prevent any knowledge of the nature of the experiments from becoming public. That policy will be pursued to prevent Germany from preparing against any new weapons in advance.

"I have great faith that American ingenuity will find a means of combating the submarines," said Secretary Daniels tonight, "although I have in mind no special device among the hundreds which have been proposed to us to fight the menace. I truly believe something will be developed that will be effective against the underwater boats.

"Experts of the Naval Consulting board and of the navy department are working hard experimenting with the devices which may go a long way toward giving us victory. Some probably have merit, the others not, but all are given fair tests. The precise nature of any cannot be disclosed, of course."

The department itself has done a great deal of experimental work both with devices for the destruction or detection of submarines and also with interior defense for warships against torpedoes and mines.

It is regarded as certain that if American inventive genius is suc-

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COL. ROOSEVELT RAISES ARMY

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FRANCE, SUBJECT TO ACCEPT-
ANCE BY GOVERNMENT.

Col Roosevelt's military plans, as revealed in detail for the first time, will surprise the general public, including even that portion of it which hails the colonel as the most strenuous and influential campaigner of the age, says the New York World.

While it has been supposed that he was raising one volunteer division for service on the battle line in France under his command, if the War Department should grant his application, the colonel has in reality tentatively recruited an army approximately of 180,000 men, exclusive of officers, and has perfected arrangements so that his entire force could mobilized in six weeks, and its first units started on the way to France for intensive training there.

This Roosevelt Legion, now big enough in numbers to form two full army corps and an extra division by way of good measure, is representative of the whole Nation. Every one of the forty-eight States has contributed volunteers, and not one of these volunteers, by reason of age limit, could serve under the new selective draft measure. Not one of them has been drawn from the National Guard of any State.

All this has been carefully superintended by the colonel, who is just as strong for the war measures of the Administration as he is for the fulfillment of his own heart's desire to get into the big fight somehow just as soon as he can.

This army which the colonel now offers to the government double discounts the historic Rough Riders in every element of human interest. It is made up of substantial business men in great measure, and includes an astonishing list of persons whose names are known throughout the country.

All of these recruits, as the official documents show, are actuated by two convictions—faith in the leadership of Col Roosevelt and faith in the colonel's theory that they should be sent to the fighting front at once to fill the gap until the great army to be raised by selective draft is ready.

Successful at any time during the present war in finding a means to check the operations of German submarines, the information will be shared promptly with Great Britain, France and the other nations with which the United States is aligned.

Ex-Slaves Lose Case.

Washington, May 7:—The supreme court has dismissed the suit of former negro slaves and their heirs to collect more than sixty-eight million dollars from the government for labor on crops in the South from eighteen fifty-seven to eighteen sixty-eight. The money was collected as internal revenue taxes on cotton. The negroes claim that work was performed while in a state of involuntary servitude.

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Items of General Interest.

William Marconi, a member of the Italian mission to visit the United States, is taking a bronze wreath to be placed on the tomb of George Washington in the name of the Italian nation.

Dr D B Johnson, of Winthrop college, has discovered that a good flour can be made of millet seed. It makes a very nutritious bread like graham bread. It has heretofore been used as chicken feed or thrown away.

The Committee on Statistics and Standards of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, after an investigation nation-wide, has announced that the United States will be equal to the world supply food demand.

The allies of the United States will save and a group of New York bankers will lose more than \$100,000,000 in commissions on the \$3,000,000,000 that this government has appropriated to assist them in prosecuting the war against the Central Powers of Europe.

A banquet was held at Matamoras, Mexico, Saturday night to commemorate the anniversary of the defeat of the imperialistic French by the Mexicans. The Stars and Stripes were profusely used in the decorations, and several American guests were present.

Banks, insurance companies, real estate firms and other lines of business employing a large number of men in clerical positions in Atlanta are beginning already to train young women to take their places when the President issues the call for registration under the selective conscription act of Congress.

An Orangeburg citizen recently sent Congressman Lever \$10 to be given to the war department and said he will send the same amount monthly during the continuance of the war and would do better but for having a family dependent upon him. Mr Lever returned his money and assured him that he is the stuff of which patriots are made.

KAISER'S POWERS RESTRICTED.

A RESOLUTION FIXING CHANCEL-
LOR'S RESPONSIBILITY IS
ALSO LAW NOW.

A report from Amsterdam, May 5, says:

A restriction of the power of the Emperor of Germany has been decided upon by the Constitution committee of the Reichstag, according to a despatch from Berlin. The committee has decided to alter Article XVII of the Imperial Constitution as follows:

"Ordinances and decrees of the Kaiser will be issued in the name of the Empire and will require for validity the counter signature of the Imperial Chancellor or his representative, who thereby assumes responsibility to the Reichstag."

The decision of the committee was in accordance with a joint proposal by the Centrists, National-Liberals and the Progressives. Four Conservative members voted against the change.

The committee also adopted a resolution by the same proposers demanding a bill fixing the Chancellor's responsibility for any violation of his official duty and the verification of such violation by a senate tribunal.

Big Loan to Great Britain.

Washington, May 7:—The government has decided to lend Great Britain \$100,000,000 to meet her needs in this country during May. A second installment of \$25,000,000 was transferred to the British embassy today, making with the \$25,000,000 loaned her Saturday, a total of one-half of the May loan.

Mrs A P Jones, one of the oldest residents of Darlington, died in that city last week, aged 85.

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Bills Receivable	\$375,232 66	Capital and Surplus	\$130,000 00
Bonds	118,300 00	Undivided Profits	5,561 73
Banking House, Fur. and Fixtures	23,788 05	Deposits	235,320 42
5 per cent Redemption Fund	5,000 00	Bill Payable	55,000 00
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