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TO EXEMPT \$2,500 ON HUSBANDS' TAX

Committee Urges Further Cut of \$500 From Taxable Income of Married Men.

Washington.—Steps were taken by Republican members of the ways and means committee to relieve married persons from a portion of their tax burdens.

An amendment was adopted raising the exemption from \$2,000, under existing law, to \$2,500, effective probably as of January 1, 1921, for married persons where the salary does not exceed \$5,000. No change was made in the exemption for single persons, which is now \$1,000.

Representative Longworth (Rep., O.) was the author of the amendment. Under an amendment previously announced a deduction may be made of \$400 for each child. This was an increase from \$200 under existing law.

The enlarged exemptions will cause a total loss of \$50,000,000 in revenue. With these and numerous minor changes the committee virtually completed the tax bill.

The committee struck out section 904 of the bill which places a 10 per cent tax on many commodities and discussed placing on the articles affected a manufacturers' tax of 3 per cent. The change would eliminate the plan of existing law under which the retailer adds the tax.

Among the articles changed are: Hats in excess of \$5 and caps in excess of \$2; neckwear in excess of \$2 each; shirts in excess of \$3 each; underwear in excess of \$5.

The proposed substitute would apply on the value above amounts to be fixed. The number of articles will probably be enlarged. The taxes would yield \$100,000,000 instead of \$40,000,000 now.

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ROAD TO PEACE NOT

Promises to Sinn Fein Insult to Economy in Finance, Politics and Native Military—Erskine Declares for Absolute Separation

London.—The correspondence between the British prime minister, Lloyd George, and Erskine, the Irish Republican leader, and the British government, which is being published in the "Irish Times," is a landmark in the history of the struggle for Irish independence.

The Irish, in their reply to the proposals of the British government, are insisting that the conditions for peace be imposed on a basis of absolute separation.

On the other hand, Mr. Lloyd George has informed Mr. de Valera that there can be no compromise on the question of the right of Ireland to secede from her allegiance to the King.

"Our proposals present to the Irish people," says the premier, "an opportunity such as never has dawned in their history before. We have made them in a sincere desire to achieve peace, but beyond them we cannot go."

Mr. Lloyd George leaves open the door for possible further negotiations with Mr. de Valera by saying that the government will discuss the application of the principles of its offer whenever acceptance of the principles is communicated to him.

The official records in the Irish peace negotiations were made public unexpectedly. The disclosures constitute the keystone political sensation since the close of the war.

The politicians of both England and Ireland were discussing the question whether the door had been closed on further negotiations. They seemed to find in the conciliatory tone of the correspondence, however, ground for hope that some bridge might yet be built across the chasm of difference over the question of independence. It was the consensus that all depends upon the temper of the Daily Express when it writes in Dublin, but that at all events, the peace of the world.

The correspondence shows Great Britain offered Ireland complete autonomy in finance and taxation, military forces for home defense, her own police and, among other things, control of the Irish postal services.

Mr. de Valera, however, declares a dominion status for Ireland as offered in British terms "the freedom the British dominions enjoy is less the result of legal enactments or treaties than of the immense distances which separate them from Great Britain."

In high Sinn Fein quarters the opinion was expressed that unless something unforeseen happens there will be a breakdown in the negotiations which it has been hoped would bring peace to Ireland, and that in such a contingency the truce now existing would terminate and renewed warfare would speedily follow.

Premier's offer still stands guaranteeing full dominion status, and the fullest control of internal affairs, the territorial army and the nation's own police, with the reservations regarding the navy and taxation. The premier's offer here is interpreted as

dates by either party and provides that Ulster must be left alone.

The publication of the conference proceedings following Gen. Jan. 1919's letter of advice is somewhat interesting in Dublin, but it is believed this can be smoothed over.

Erskine is still standing aloof. Sir James Craig wrote to Lloyd George that Ulster is standing aside in the interests of peace and will not interfere with the south of Ireland and Ulster.

Erskine's position is understood to be against the interests of Ulster, but that Ulster is prepared to cooperate on equal terms with the south when the south has accepted the terms of the conference.

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British trade in export of coal is recovering rapidly. President Zayas, of Cuba, at a meeting of his cabinet, decided to sell the securities taken during the liquidation of the National Bank. The government had \$28,000,000 on deposit in the bank.

Official announcement is made of the Third International Fair to be held in Prague, September 1 to 8. Germany welcomed the United States Mail Liner George Washington, which formerly belonged to the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, on her first post-war arrival in her former home port, Bremerhaven.

Attempts will be made to recover the treasure from the East India Company's ship Grosvenor, which foundered off the coast of Pondoland, South Africa, in 1782, with a cargo of emeralds, other precious stones, gold and silver ingots. The value in 1782 was \$6,573,550.

A senate resolution authorizing agreement between the states of New York and New Jersey for co-operation in development of the port of New York, was passed by the house at Washington. It sanctions creation of the port of New York district.

Announcement is made at the Koenigsplatz Observatory that the earth passed through the tail of a comet on the night of Monday, August 3. Canada's wheat crop will exceed last year's by 25,000,000 bushels.

Adam Karst, of Hartford, Conn., one of the American-born W. L. Bygones, list, escaped from Russia, and is now in the United States, living testimony that Americans have not been free to depart. He ran away from a Moscow factory, where he had been placed as forced labor by the Bolsheviks.

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Edward W. Morrison, known to many as "the millionless millionaire," has won his long battle to prove his right to the \$2,500,000 real estate valued at \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 left by his father, Captain James M. Morrison. Control of the property was taken from Morrison, who is eighty-two years old, several years ago.

A receiver in equity for the United States Mail Steamship Company was appointed by Judge Manton in the United States Court, New York.

Bankers' Commercial Trust Corporation, of Houston, Texas, filed certificate with Delaware State Department increasing the capital of the company from \$50,000 to \$15,000,000.

The American railway plan will provide, as heretofore, that the duties shall be assessed on the wholesale selling price.

More than 100 Connecticut jitney owners have banded to fight enforcement of the new state law which prohibits jitneys from operating on streets unless authorized to do so by the Public Utilities Commission.

Repeal of the federal charter of the American Legion was asked of Congress by the Private Soldiers' and Sailors' Legion on the ground that the American Legion has "incited lawlessness."

Even their own children are being left behind to starve by the hunger maddened peasants fleeing to Siberia or the Ukraine from hunger and death in the German Volga colony.

Drunkness, it was revealed, was the reason for the dismissal of five of the most prominent students at Wesleyan University.

SPORTING

Georges Carpentier will bid farewell to the fighting ring after he meets Tom Gibbons, the "Fast" light-heavyweight, in New York next January. M. Descamps, the French champion's manager, announced.

Tex Rickard has under consideration plans for installing arenas in Chicago and Philadelphia. He has been negotiating with real estate men in both cities, and, with his partner, John Klingling, wealthy circus man, is seriously considering the acquisition of property in both those cities.

E. Colorado, 2:04 1/2, looks like another champion trotter for Barton Pardee, Atlantic City, who also owns Lu Preston, 2:02, and Mabel Trask, 2:01 1/2.

William M. Johnson, of California, beat R. Norris Williams, 2d, of Boston, at Seabright, N. J., in the final round of the men's singles for the Seabright Cup. The traps were 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.

Selections of William T. Fliden, 2d; William M. Johnson; Richard N. Williams; and the Seabright cup, at Forest Hills, on September 2-6, and 8, was announced.

The English motorboat Maple Leaf VII, challenger for the international cup to be raced for off Detroit early in September, has attained a speed of 80 American miles per hour in the Solent. It was announced. This is said to be a world's record.

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