

INCOME AND WAR TAX LAW CONFUSES TREASURY CHIEFS; FILING OF RETURNS BLOCKED

Federal Authorities Are Expected to Clarify Doubtful Points To-Morrow.

Final effort will be made to-morrow by Treasury Department officials to interpret confusing sections of the new income and war profits tax law which are criticised on all sides as impossible to decipher. The Advisory Commission appointed several months ago to assist the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in making rulings will hold its last meeting and endeavor to pass upon scores of technical points raised by corporations and individuals.

There is keen interest in both official and financial circles to know the result, because the existence of the law as it now hangs in the balance. Many lawyers and tax experts assert that all the income tax sections will have to be rewritten and simplified to be made workable. As things now stand, the largest corporations and income tax payers in New York and other cities, acting under advice of eminent counsel, are doing nothing toward making out their reports to the Government, which are now due.

Not a single return has been made by any person in the United States, for the simple reason that the Treasury Department itself is unable even to issue the blank forms on which every person who had an income of \$1,000 or more in 1917 must report to the Government. The one form that was printed a week ago for persons of small incomes has been withdrawn by the Treasury and cancelled for further changes.

The law prescribes that reports must be filed not later than March 1, and the time is very short if the act is to be revised and passed in new form.

There is general indorsement in New York of Senator Smoot's recent assertion that "I have yet to find any two persons, professional or otherwise, who interpret the act alike. Not only is it unworkable, but the taxes imposed are unscientific and discriminatory."

An intimation is given in official circles that the amended form prepared by Senator Smoot is intended as a feeler for sentiment, and if the response is universal condemnation of the present law and in favor of revision, then immediate action by Congress is possible. It is understood that no change in general principles and forms of taxes levied will be considered by the Democratic majority in Congress, but revision for sake of simplicity and clarity may be made.

A leading tax authority said today that if the law stands in its present form a great deal of confusion and litigation is certain. It is impossible for many persons who are honestly and patriotically desirous of paying their full share of war taxes, and have no desire to dodge or evade to make their reports. Furthermore, a number of corporations are holding off closing their books for the year 1917 because of uncertainty as to how to make adjustments of accounts.

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Chairman Straus Announces That Transfer to Other Quarters Will Hamper Work.

The Public Service Commission is going to move from the Equitable Building, No. 120 Broadway, because of an increase in the rental there. Chairman Straus made the announcement today. It will have to vacate the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth floors, which it has occupied since April, 1916, by next May 1.

The removal at this time, says the statement issued by Chairman Straus, "when the Commission is particularly anxious to advance to the utmost the completion of the new rapid transit line, seriously interferes with its work. There are nearly a thousand of the Commission's employees in the building, including the designing and chief engineering forces and the regulatory bureau."

To-day the Commission expressed its hope that the city authorities might find quarters for it in one of the unoccupied buildings purchased for the new practical abandoned court house site. About two years ago The Evening World showed how the Public Service Commission could save the tax-payers \$100,000 a year by moving into one of the Court House site buildings. The Commission ignored the suggestion.

GAS CHIEF SUICIDE IN HIS LABORATORY WITH OWN PRODUCT

E. L. Spencer, Central Union Superintendent, Kills Self Because Ill.

Elliott L. Spencer, superintendent of the Central Union Gas Company, took his life in his laboratory at the company's plant, 18th Street and East River, today, inhaling the product of the corporation which had employed him for twenty years. A nervous breakdown induced by kidney trouble was attributed by his physician, Dr. Henry Morton of Brooklyn, as having prompted his act.

Spencer, who was forty-two years old and recently married, lived at No. 504 West 134 Street. Ten weeks ago he was advised by his physician to take a vacation because of his nervous condition, but Spencer, pleading the press of work at the gas plant as reason why he should continue at his duties. More and more his nervousness became apparent to those who were associated with him and fears that he would attempt his life were felt by several.

When, at 3:30 o'clock today, Assistant Superintendent Wetzel read to him a note from his physician's laboratory and found the door locked and strong odor of gas coming from beneath it, Pullerman Wetzel of the Alexander Avenue station, was summoned. A ladder was raised from the yard to the second floor window of the laboratory and Wetzel ascended. He found the superintendent slung on the floor with a gas tube in his mouth.

Dr. Miller, who brought a pulmotor in the ambulance from Lincoln Hospital, worked desperately to save Spencer, but after half an hour pronounced that he was beyond human aid. The dead man's wife was so prostrated by the shock that she had to be placed under the care of a physician.

MRS. WALDE ACCUSES HUBBY

Counsel Says He Enlisted to Escape Obligations in Suit.

That Prof. Raymond Walde, a teacher in the Scarsdale, N. Y. High School, enlisted in the army last Saturday to escape his obligations in the suit which he has brought against his wife, Mrs. Gladys T. Walde, to annul their marriage, was told to Justice Bijor today by Attorney Mirabeau L. Towne, counsel for the wife of the professor, in opposing his suit.

Mrs. Walde last October brought suit for \$10,000 against Francis D. Griffin, a wealthy doctor, in which she alleged that he had failed to keep his promise to make her his wife, but this action did not come to trial until after her marriage to Walde. The divorce suit today was in support of the application of Mrs. Walde for annulment and counsel Towne filed his rejoinder decision.

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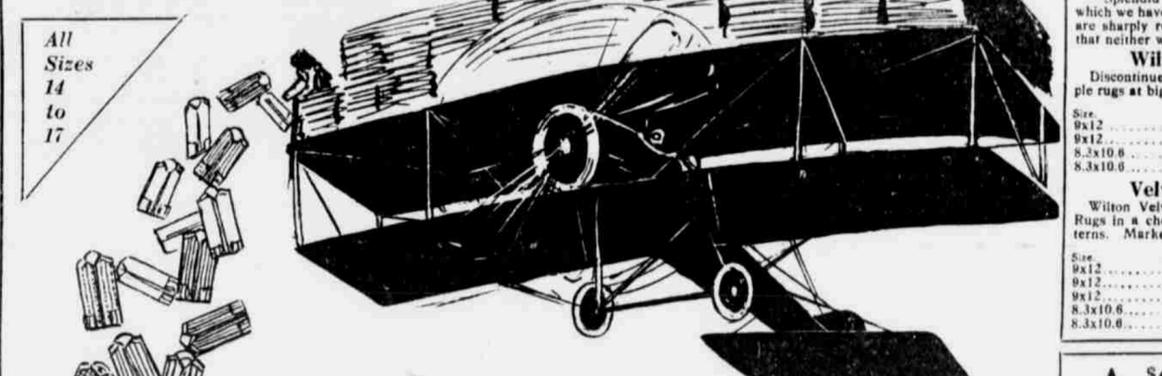
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